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Yeo affair threatens crusade

Major fights to salvage back-to-basics

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JILL SHERMAN

■ The Prime Minister denies that his campaign for a return to family values has anything to do with personal morality. Labour claims he is in retreat

JOHN Major yesterday strove to rescue his crusade for a return to traditional values as he rejected suggestions that it had been derailed by the resignation of Tim Yeo as an environment minister.

But the Prime Minister provoked confusion by declaring that his "back to basics" campaign, launched at the party conference in the autumn, was "not a crusade about personal morality and was never presented as such".

His remarks prompted Labour scepticism because several Cabinet ministers have used the campaign to highlight the need to reduce the number of single-parent families and emphasise the virtues of the traditional family. Others have preached the values of self-discipline and fidelity.

John Smith, the Labour Leader, said the "back to basics" strategy was now in a "hopeless muddle and contradiction". He said: "At the Tory conference, speech after speech proclaimed moral responsibility; now Mr Major is leading the headlong retreat."

Yesterday Mr Major went to unusual lengths to defend his chosen legislative and campaigning theme for the second half of the present parliament. Some ministers fear that it could be jeopardised by this week's furore. He said the campaign was "about policy issues of concern to everyone in the country — issues like fighting crime and making punishment more effective, issues like making sure in the classroom we actually go back to the basics of teaching education to our children."

He said: "It's also about other issues, of course — decency, courtesy, neighbourliness, respect for others. All these are instinctive issues but so I think are tolerance and understanding." He insisted that "none of my ministers has interpreted it as an attack on single mothers."

Some have certainly focused on morality. Only on Wednesday, the day of Mr Yeo's resignation, John Patten, the Education Secretary, spoke about the central role of values in education — "the moral values that underpin preparation for adult life in every way, from citizenship to personal relationships and to consideration of religious viewpoints and life's fundamental questions".

Ministers admitted that Mr Major had faced difficulties in getting his message across because some on the right had used the "back to basics" tag as an excuse to moralise on the problem of unmarried mothers.

As he prepared to return to life on the back benches, Mr Yeo yesterday faced the threat of a move by elements in his Suffolk South constituency to prevent him standing at the next election. But several of the leading constituents who called for his resignation made it plain that they wanted him to stay on as an MP.

At Westminster there were signs of recriminations and criticism of the Prime Minister, Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, and the party machine, for allowing the affair to drag on. Several MPs said Mr Major should either have made it clear from the start that Mr Yeo was to stay on or asked him to go straight away. Others said MPs should be ready to go at the first whiff of scandal. John Carlisle, MP for Luton North, said: "There should now be a golden rule that if in future there is just a hint of trouble for a minister it should be nipped in the bud at once and not allowed to drag on.

However, informed sources confirmed that Mr Yeo's continuation in office had initially been supported by all elements of the machine, including Downing Street, the whips, Sir Norman and, particularly, John Gummer, the Environment Secretary. Until last weekend all felt their judgment would be vindicated, the sources disclosed. It was only after the strength of constituency opposition became apparent that Mr Yeo appeared to be doomed.

Criticism of Sir Norman by some constituency activists for failing to tell Mr Yeo to go is wide of the mark. The party chairman has no say over the composition of the Government. Only Mr Major, probably through the Chief Whip, could have required Mr Yeo to stand down.

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, who has supported Mr Yeo, said that politicians were often set unrealistic standards. They were "only human beings" and they "have gone into politics, not into the Church, after all", she said. She supported Mr Major's contention that the back to basics campaign was "not about moral judgments".

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Yeo faces sack as an MP

Tim Yeo faces questions from 150 South Suffolk Tory activists a week today. An emergency gathering of the constituency executive council was called yesterday as moves to deselect him gathered momentum. One branch chairman said: "People don't want to canvass for him again." Page 2

Waiting for the downpour to stop ... in the Sussex village that's simply slipping away

TONY WHITE



Residents discuss the latest landslip yesterday in Franklands, East Sussex. Heavy rains have shifted the roadway 6in a day for the past two weeks

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE villagers of Franklands in East Sussex can only stand and watch as their homes slip daily further into a ravine.

"It's like living on a time bomb," said Tony Hughes yesterday. "When it rains in the night we jump out of bed and look out to see if our houses have slipped further. It's a living nightmare."

Homes in the woodland village outside Haywards Heath have been slipping down the hillside at a rate of 6in daily during the heavy rains of the last two weeks. Stretches of the road are beginning to look like the aftermath of an earthquake: an almost impassable mass of mud, tarmac and grass.

The road is littered with emergency equipment, huge lengths of plastic piping, wires and polythene sheeting. Workmen stood aimless in the pouring rain yesterday, unable to begin work until the subsidence stops.

Two houses in the village were bulldozed last week and four more will go in the next few days. Thirteen families have been evacuated by the Haywards Heath Housing Society, which owns the vilage's few hundred flats and houses. The rubble from their homes is piled up awaiting clearance. Where the gardens used to be there is a furrowed mass of upturned turf and mud.

Mr Hughes said neighbours were asked to leave two days before Christmas, when the landslide began to gather pace. "I fear eviction," he said. "We're tenants, and have spent £18,000 on renovations. We'd lose all of that if we have to move."

The subsidence has a history going back 15 months. But nothing prepared the society for the devastation. Laurence Hardy, chairman, said: "A few dry summers and a very wet winter have forced one of the below-ground stratas to slip. We don't know when it will stop, and there's very little we can do until it stops raining."

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Malkin arrested on return with son

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE businessman who abducted his 12-year-old son from France and took him to Egypt for a holiday was arrested on his return to Britain yesterday. He could face two years in jail.

Peter Malkin, 54, who is to appear at the High Court today, claimed that his son Oliver was in tears when they were separated at Heathrow after the flight from Cairo.

Mr Malkin snatched his son for the third time in three years when the boy, who is a ward of court, stepped off a school bus near his home in Brittany two months ago.

The businessman, who owns a hotel in Devon and a country club near Canterbury, Kent, shouted to reporters as he was led away by police officers and a High Court official. Mr Malkin's girl friend, Audrey Donnelly, 45, was arrested with him.

"My boy was pulled away from me just now in tears. It's despicable," Mr Malkin said. He spent last night at Charing Cross police station, central London.

Oliver was transferred to a Paris flight and was later reunited with his mother, Elisa Pridmore, at their home near Lorient. Mrs Pridmore, 36, who is seriously ill with breast cancer, was granted custody after her divorce from Mr Malkin in 1989.

Before leaving Egypt,

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US pledges its full support for Eastern Europe

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA last night pledged absolute commitment to the security of new democracies in Central and Eastern Europe.

Making this promise in a Milwaukee speech delivered on behalf of President Clinton, whose mother has died, Vice-President Al Gore outlined a new era of co-operation and friendship with Europe.

But the new pledge was swiftly eclipsed by the highly



Clinton: heading for crucial Nato summit

embarrassing resignation of a top State Department official over US policy in Bosnia, to which the speech made no reference. Warren Zimmerman, a former US ambassador to Yugoslavia, became the fifth and most senior State Department official in 17 months to quit in protest — and his timing could not have been worse.

His resignation came on the eve of Mr Clinton's first Nato summit in Brussels next Monday, which the American side hopes will concentrate on the alliance's future and not its Bosnian impotence.

The resignation also coincided with Mr Gore's careful repetition of the sentence "the security of the states that lie between Nato and the former Soviet Union affects the security of America". And, he declared: "Nothing is more important to our security than our relations with Europe. With the Cold War over, some may think Europe doesn't matter as much as it used to. President Clinton says they are wrong. The fact is, Europe remains a valuable trading partner and our military security remains as interwoven with Europe as ever."

The lesson of the 20th century was that "when Europe fights, we suffer, and when Europe is safe and free, we thrive", he said. Unless the US actively helped promote free trade, open democracy and robust civic life to "lock-in the end of the Cold War", Europe could again be engulfed in conflict.

Mr Gore went out of his way to reassure the East Europeans, unhappy that they will be offered much closer military links but not the protection of Nato's security umbrella under the US Partnership for Peace initiative to be endorsed at the summit.

The American promise came only hours after a further Russian warning against any attempt to absorb Eastern European states into Nato.

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'Feminist' catechism delayed by Vatican

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S five million Roman Catholics are waiting in vain for a translation of the first new catechism in 400 years because the Pope is unable to resolve an argument with British and American bishops over whether Jesus should be described as "human" instead of as "man".

A draft obtained by *The Times* shows the extent to which the British and American translators have insisted on the politically correct "human", "people" or "everyone" appearing wherever possible in place of "man". One battle centres on whether Christ became incarnate as a "man" or as a "human". In the eyes of traditionalists in Rome, the refusal to describe Christ as a man risks undermining statements of belief used for centuries.

The catechism, published in French in 1992, is the first revision for more than 400 years. Versions are available in Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and five other languages, but the Vatican is holding out against approval of the English translation because of the "feminist" language used.

Despite thousands of advance orders, Geoffrey Chapman, the British publisher, and Catholic bishops in America, Ireland, Australia and Canada are unable to release the text for sale.

In the contentious 560-page translation, prepared largely by an American priest, the word "human" is used instead of "man" to denote all people. Father Douglas Clark, a priest in Georgia, has invariably substituted "human", "humanity", or "the human

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Humbled Yeo faces new fight to save his Suffolk seat

BY LIN JENKINS

TIM Yeo has been summoned to a showdown meeting with the constituency party activists who forced him to resign as a minister and who could ultimately engineer his deselection.

The grass-roots opinion which demanded he leave his post is divided over his future as an MP. Local party leaders who want to drop him before the next election have called an extraordinary meeting of the executive council for next Friday. Mr Yeo will face questions from the 150 representatives of the 40 branches and various committees of the South Suffolk Association.

The meeting, called under standing orders designed to deal with emergencies, will be held in Sudbury, one of the three small towns in the rural constituency.

Yesterday, as Mr Yeo licked his wounds in London rather than face the architects of his fate in Suffolk, a movement to deselect him gathered momentum. Tony Bailey-Smith, leader of the Tory group on Babergh District Council, said Mr Yeo's position was far from secure despite his resignation over his extramarital affair. "The jury is still out," he said. "The question now is whether he will knuckle down as a constituency MP, which is not his forte."

One branch which held a secret meeting of ten senior members yesterday publicly abandoned Mr Yeo. Aldine Horrigan, mayor of Haverhill, who was behind his surprise selection ten years ago, said the branch would not support Mr Yeo in a future reselection. She said: "It was a unanimous opinion. Our statement is a reflection of what people in the constituency feel."

Mark Newman, chairman of the Great Cornard branch, said they would be "laughing stock" on the doorstep if they canvassed for Mr Yeo at the next election. "The view of the committee members, who got them from the general public, is that they don't want him to be the Conservative candidate at the next election," he said.

Letters informing branches and representatives of local party committees of the extraordinary meeting were sent out on Wednesday night. The decision to call it was taken on Tuesday night, shortly after Mr Yeo left the meeting with constituency party officers who refused to sanction his intention to remain as a minister.

Proposed boundary changes, which will reduce the electorate from 85,918 to 65,382, could be used as a device by the local party to drop Mr Yeo. Because of the changes and the distance from a general election, neither of the other main parties has a candidate in place.

Ironically, Mr Yeo's surprise selection as candidate just weeks before the 1983 general election came when Keith Stainton, for 20 years MP for Sudbury and Woodbridge, was forced by boundary changes to seek renomination for the new Suffolk South seat.

Derek Redhead, 64, one of the eight constituency officers who told Mr Yeo of the strength of feeling at the meeting on Tuesday, predicted that the furore would die down. "I think it is absolutely nonsense to talk about deselection. The whole thing is being stirred up by two or three malcontents."

Vince Curnow, 55, a member of the constituency party committee, said people were being unfair to Mr Yeo because he had chosen to stay away from the constituency. "You wouldn't blame him for taking a bit of time off from the constituency after the strain of the last few weeks."

Husband pleads for public's help in tracing policewoman



Paul Mostyn, above, appeals for public help in finding his wife, who disappeared from a London hospital earlier this week where she was being treated for post-natal depression.

He said yesterday that he feared for her safety. Diane Mostyn, 28, a policewoman, vanished after leaving her eight-month-old son at Central Middlesex Hospital, northwest London. Police have reports of sightings at Watford and Northampton and believe she may be trying to reach her parents in Preston, Lancashire.

Mr Mostyn, also a Metropolitan police officer, said his wife had vanished once before, in November, and was found lying in a field after overdosing on drugs and alcohol.

Mr Mostyn said: "My biggest fear is that she is lying in a field somewhere, waiting to be found. If anybody does see her, please could they keep her in a safe place and call the police.

"She will be outwardly distressed and nervous and I should imagine somewhat dishevelled by now. I would give anything to find her. James, our son, really does need her. Although she has had problems, she will get better with time and the help which she obviously needs."

WPC Mostyn is a member of the mounted police. She is described as 5ft 8in with a thin build and curly dark-brown hair. She is believed to be wearing leggings and a black jumper. Anyone who may have seen her is asked to contact their local police station or ring Kilburn police on 081-733 3716.

Ministers' quotes tell a different story on single mothers



Tim Yeo leaving his London home yesterday

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Prime Minister insisted yesterday that no ministers had interpreted his back to basics campaign as an attack on single mothers, even though over the past few months a number of ministers have done just that.

Mr Major also denied that his strategy was a crusade against personal immorality or that it had ever been presented as such, although in November, in his Mansion House speech, he said it was about "a greater acceptance of personal responsibility and family obligations".

Here is a small sample of ministerial pronouncements on personal morality.

■ The Yeo affair has highlighted Mr Major's attitude to personal morality, particularly children and the family

☐ **Peter Lilley**, Social Security Secretary, at the party conference in October: "It has been politically incorrect to uphold the traditional family as an idea. Anyone who did so was sneered into silence. Earlier this year I decided it was time to break that taboo, to reaffirm that ideally children need two loving parents, that parents' first duty is to their children, that that duty is for life, and that even where parents split up they remain responsible for supporting their children."

☐ **John Redwood**, Welsh Secretary, in July: "The natural state should be the two-adult family caring for their children. If someone is old enough to father a child he should be old enough to help bring it up."

☐ **Michael Howard**, Home Secretary, at the party conference: "Individual responsibility is at the heart of all moral decisions. Nothing we say or do should be allowed to weaken or undermine it."

☐ **Michael Portillo**, Chief Treasury Secretary, on September 15: "Teenage pregnancy often leads to a whole life of state dependence with few luxuries. The teenage mother is rarely able to gain a full education or develop a career. The question is what action can be taken to reduce the incidence of pregnancy among those not wishing or not ready to start on family life."

☐ **John Patten**, Education Secretary, in November: "Governments have a duty to say what they think. You cannot legislate to make people good or to make married couples stay together. But we do have an interest, since we foot the bill, and we also have a duty to talk about the fabric of society. We would be an awful mechanistic lot if all we did was talk about money and not about values."

☐ **John Major**, launching the back to basics campaign at the Tory conference: "Some said the family was out of date. Far better rely on the council and social workers than family and friends. I passionately believe that was wrong.

"The old values — neighbourliness, decency, courtesy — they are still alive. They are still the best of Britain. They haven't changed, yet somehow people feel embarrassed by them. We should not be. It is time to return to those old core values. It is time to go back to basics, to self discipline and respect for the law, to consideration for others, to accepting responsibility for yourself and your family, and not shuffling it off on the state."

'Feminist' catechism delayed by Vatican

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person" for "man", infuriating conservative traditionalists in Rome. One example of a paragraph the Vatican is refusing to accept is in the section on the Ten Commandments. The translators have rendered this as "The Commandments ... teach us our true humanity." Vatican officials insist this should be "... teach us man's true humanity".

English bishops had been hoping the catechism would be ready for Easter, but an approved text is not expected for weeks.

The catechism warns Catholics against astrology, witchcraft and satanism. It lists sins of the flesh, calling on civil authorities to halt the production and distribution of pornographic material, and adds "new" sins such as social injustice, drug trafficking and speeding.

It is said by the Pope in the introduction to create a harmony which "truly expresses what might be called the 'symphony' of the faith".

In one of the most controversial passages, the catechism appears to give qualified approval to the death penalty. It says: "The common good requires the protection of society from unjust aggressors. The church's tradition acknowledges as well founded the right and duty of holders of public office to deal severely with such people by means of commensurate penalties, not excluding the death penalty in cases of extreme gravity."

Ruth McCurry, of Geoffrey Chapman, said: "The delay has lasted a year. The truth is there are way-out anti-feminists trying to get the inclusive language out. The American bishops will be peeved if the inclusive language is reduced. They are backed by the English and Irish bishops."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Dearing pleads for end to test boycott

Sir Ron Dearing, chairman of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, yesterday appealed to teachers to call off their boycott of assessment and testing. Sir Ron made his plea to the North of England education conference in Chester and said afterwards he thought the changes in his report, published on Wednesday, had gone a long way towards addressing teachers' grievances. John Patten, the Education Secretary, is due to address the conference today.

The National Union of Teachers responded by demanding a two-year moratorium on testing and assessment while the reforms were introduced. Doug McAvoy, the NUT general secretary, said that testing a curriculum now acknowledged to be flawed would waste teachers' and pupils' energies. He predicted that a refusal to grant a moratorium would encourage NUT members to continue their boycott.

M-way services expand

Twenty-four new service areas are planned for Britain's motorways, including three for the M40, which has nowhere for drivers to refuel or stop for a rest. John MacGregor, the Transport Secretary, said yesterday that the M5 and southern end of the M40 featured prominently in the plans. So far permission has been granted for four new sites: Hapsford on the M56 near Chester; Theale Farm (M4 near Reading); Westenhanger (M20 near Folkestone); Bowburn (A1(M) near Darlington).

Banks defend record

The big four banks have defended themselves after a report claimed their blunders could be costing small businesses millions of pounds by overcharging interest on overdrafts. Nearly half of businesses surveyed by consultants Bankchek were victims of errors, but the banks questioned whether the sample of disgruntled customers was representative.

Bulger father charged

The father of James Bulger is to appear in court on January 24 on a charge of wounding. Ralph Bulger and his brother Phillip, both of Kirkby, Liverpool, are accused of wounding two brothers with intent to cause grievous bodily harm at a nightclub. The case was transferred to Manchester Crown Court from Liverpool after the James Bulger trial.

Police admit errors

Eight West Mercia police officers are to be disciplined over the handling of a search for a missing teenage girl who was later found dead near Telford, Shropshire. After an investigation supervised by the Police Complaints Authority, the force admitted there was "something very wrong" with its efforts to trace Karen Bland, 15.

Kirk leader under fire

The future of the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, the Rt Rev Dr James Weatherhead, is in doubt after his tacit support for the Bishop of Durham. More than a hundred Church of Scotland ministers have signed a letter "regretting" Dr Weatherhead's declaration that the Virgin Birth was a symbolic, rather than historical, event.

BT yields to pricing criticism

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BT IS to abandon its much-criticised practice of charging people in units and instead adopt a system of billing according to the minutes and seconds customers actually use the phone.

Announcement of the switch, to take effect in 1995, was accompanied by news of an increase of around 73p a quarter in domestic line rental charges from February 1. The rental rise will be balanced by higher discounts for occasional phone users and a new scheme to give discounts on frequently-called numbers.

The changes are a prelude to a large package of price cuts on mainstream services which will be unveiled in early February. The reductions, which will bring the value of cuts announced in recent months to £500 million in a full year, have been forced on BT by Oftel, the regulatory body.

BT has been accused of dragging its feet on price cuts forced on it by the regulator, Don Cruickshank. Yesterday, Mr Cruickshank disclosed that he had secured an agreement from BT to deliver future savings earlier in the year. He is to modify BT's licence so that a large package of price changes should henceforth be unveiled between August and the end of October each year. The increase in line rentals will take effect from February 1.

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Two cancer charities censured

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

TWO leading cancer charities were censured by the Charities Commission yesterday for allowing publication of a flawed research study that led to the suicide of a cancer specialist and alarmed many women.

The study claimed that women with breast cancer who supplemented their treatment with alternative therapy were twice as likely to die as those who received conventional treatment alone. The finding, published in *The Lancet* in 1990, was a blow for the women, who had had complementary therapy, and for the Bristol Cancer Help Centre where they were treated.

Two months after the study was published, the researchers admitted failing to compare the severity of cancer in the two groups. Those treated at the Bristol centre had had more advanced disease.

Following publication of a retraction in *The Lancet*, Professor Tim McElwain, one of the authors of the study, killed himself. For a time, patients stopped going to the Bristol centre, which narrowly avoided going into receivership. It now has a waiting list again.

The commission said the Cancer Research Campaign and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, which funded the study, had failed to supervise it adequately or check that its findings were "soundly based". Last night, the charities expressed regret over what they said was an "honest scientific mistake".



The Pope: "symphony" of the Catholic faith

Grimsby raises stink in Brussels

THE "Grimbsy smell", the odour of fish for which the Humberside port is famous, has fallen foul of European Union health regulations (Joe Joseph writes).

Officials say the smell from a fish processing plant pollutes the air and must be confined under the Environmental Protection Act.

The ruling has upset local opinion. "There is fresher air coming in off the east coast than anywhere else in the country," Ray Oxby, the port's chief environmental health officer, said. "We have been stigmatised unfairly, but we are meeting the fishmeal company to discuss what can be done." A deodorising operation will cost up to £3 million.

Mr Oxby is confident that clearing the fishy air, which rises from the town's only fish processing company, will not change Grimsby's character. Richard Doughty, who manages the town's National Fish Heritage Centre, is gloomier. "People all over the world have heard of Grimsby because of fish," he said. "When the smell disappears, a part of our heritage will go with it."

Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby, dismisses it all as "a smell in a teacup. A fishy smell is really a sign of health in the port.

"The more fish we land and the more smell we have the happier I shall be."

Leave home at your peril, police warn soaked southerners

By Edward Gorman

■ Wintry showers added to transport chaos caused by floods and forced the closure of a dry ski slope in Gloucestershire

POLICE advised people last night not to travel in southern England until conditions improved. Heavy snow compounded the chaos caused by two weeks of relentless rain.

Weather forecasters said the flooding affecting many low-lying areas south of Birmingham, from Somerset in the west to East Anglia, could be worse this weekend.

The National Rivers Authority increased the number of flood alerts on rivers in southern Britain to 155. The snow in many parts of the West Country and along the South Coast will not help matters, with thaws expected to swell rivers even further.

The floods claimed another life when a pensioner suffered a heart attack while trying to push his car out of heavy mud. John Rose, 73, was discovered lying next to his car in a secluded lane in Mangotsfield, Avon.

In Wiltshire, a man was taken to hospital with a wooden stake through his leg after his car skidded on black ice near Calne and crashed into a fence.

A heavily pregnant woman had to be rushed from her home near Tavistock to hospital in Plymouth in a police four-wheel-drive Land Rover after two ambulances were blocked by drifting snow.

The NRA said the areas worst affected by flooding were in Hampshire, Sussex and Kent and along the Thames and its tributaries. Parts of Gloucestershire and Worcestershire along the Severn are also badly flooded, with some areas experiencing their 35th consecutive day under water yesterday.

At Chaceley, Gloucestershire, Sally Day, the landlady of the Yew Tree Inn, told how her pub has been cut off by the flood waters for almost a month, destroying her Christmas and new year trade and leaving the pub freezers bulging with pheasant, partridge and grouse.

"When we took over the pub in April we knew it was prone to flooding, but we never realised it would be this bad," Ms Day said. "When our Christmas trade was washed out we hoped we would be back to normal for new year — but it just keeps raining."

The NRA said that rainfall during December for the Severn-Trent region approached twice its monthly average, and the Thames and Southern regions have recorded more than half the long-term average for January — 50mm and 85mm respectively — in the first week alone.

In a more bizarre consequence of the bad weather, the Dry Ski Centre near Gloucester was closed because of heavy snow on the slopes, and in Chichester, West Sussex, cremations were brought to a halt after the chapel at the crematorium was flooded with 18 inches of water.

The weather forecast holds little comfort, there will be showers across much of England and Wales today, and the weekend is expected to bring further rain and showers in nearly all areas.

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Deluge has climate experts in a flap

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

THE flap of a butterfly's wing in the Pacific, debris from a Filipino volcano and pollution-induced climate change may all be contributing to the torrential rains falling on southern England, scientists said yesterday.

But experts believe that if such exotic factors lie behind the flooded houses and burst river banks, their effects will be dwarfed by "natural variability" — science-speak for no big deal.

Brian Hoskins, Professor of Meteorology at Reading University, said: "You roll a dice and some numbers are high and some are low. All this fuss about the rain is a sign of the times. These days, whatever occurs, everyone believes there is a single cause."

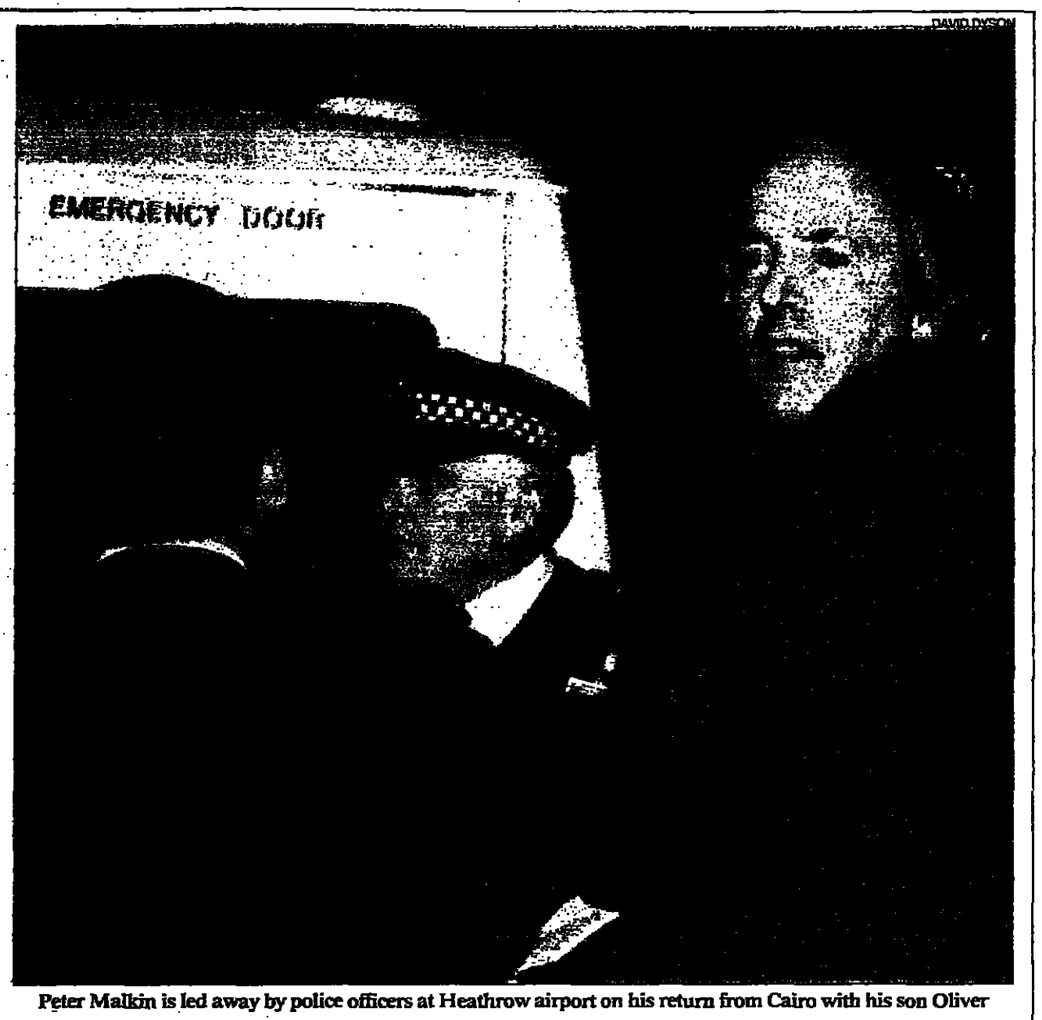
Supporters of chaos theory believe that tiny events in one part of the world, say the flap of a butterfly's wing, can be amplified by other events to create climatic upheavals elsewhere. Meanwhile, some computer models of global warming indicate that weather systems will become more erratic and severe.

Still other scientists have linked climate changes and the thinning of the ozone hole over the Antarctic with debris from Mount Pinatubo, the volcano that exploded in 1992. The debris has led to cooling of the planet and perhaps altered weather.

So what should sodden householders make of these rains? "If only that butterfly would stop flapping his wings ... who knows?" Professor Hoskins said.



The 1992 eruption of Mt Pinatubo: has this brought rain?



DAVID DYSON

Peter Malkin is led away by police officers at Heathrow airport on his return from Cairo with his son Oliver

Malkin held on return to UK

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where he was staying at a resort on the Red Sea, Mr Malkin said he expected to be arrested and jailed on his return to Britain. "I will go to court on Friday, and by the sounds of it, I will be going to prison for maybe a long time," he said. "But Oliver and I have had a good talk together. I hope we are going to try to fight custody if we can, legally. We want to do it legally now."

Peter Harris, the Official Solicitor, who is the child's legal guardian, said it was in Oliver's interest to resume a normal family life with his mother and stepfather, Andrew Pridmore. The couple moved to France two years ago to try to prevent abduction attempts by Mr Malkin.

Mr Harris said: "It is clearly very important for Oliver's welfare that he be allowed to resume a normal family life with his mother in France and that they should be allowed to do so in peace."

Sir Stephen Brown, president of the Family Division, sitting at the High Court today, will decide whether Mr Malkin and Mrs Donnelly should be imprisoned for contempt of court, which carries a maximum two-year jail sentence.



Oliver Malkin: left his father "in tears"

Mr Harris said: "It will be for the judge to decide what is to happen to Mr Malkin and Mrs Donnelly after he has considered the evidence and the representations of the parties."

Mr Malkin's decision to return Oliver came a month after sequestration proceedings began on his assets in England. Mr Harris said the court's approval would be sought today to wind up the proceedings, as their purpose had been achieved by Oliver's return.

Mr Malkin first abducted his son in December 1990 and took him on holiday to Spain and Morocco. The boy was found five months later at Mr Malkin's 15th century hotel at Churston Ferrers, Devon.

Despite the couple's move to France, Mr Malkin again abducted Oliver in September 1991. This time he was found 19 months later in an attic room at his father's Bridge Place country club, near Canterbury.

Tony Malkin, 58, Mr Malkin's brother, yesterday defended his conduct. "He might feel remorse, but mainly he feels frustrated. He didn't have any choice."

He acknowledged that the abduction had placed Mrs Pridmore under strain. "It has been hard on her, but it would all have been all right if she had been more flexible."

Women in bedsits 'selected by rapist'

By Michael Horsnell

A RAPIST who terrorised women living in bedsits subjected a university graduate and a dental student to violent and humiliating ordeals as they returned home, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Rodney Douglas, 26, allegedly picked out his victims in the street as they struggled with shopping and pretended to be a fellow resident to gain access.

The first victim, an English graduate aged 25, was repeatedly struck before being raped. The second, aged 23, was raped after being threatened with a pair of scissors.

The defendant allegedly struck first on April 19 last year after spotting the Sussex University graduate who was out shopping. The woman, who lived in Hampstead, northwest London, said: "He asked if he could use the toilet. He pushed his way in."

The court was told that Mr Douglas went into the bedroom and she followed to try to get him to leave but he hit her across the head.

She added: "I had almost passed out from the blows. I knew I had to keep awake or I might not be alive by the end."

On July 3, Mr Douglas allegedly attacked the dental student in her bedsit at Forest Hill, southeast London. The court was told that Mr Douglas followed her home and, pretending he lived upstairs, asked for some ice from her fridge. But once inside the bedroom he repeatedly struck her.

When she screamed, said counsel, he took hold of a pair of scissors and said: "If you don't keep quiet, I will use them on you."

The jury was told that before making his escape he allegedly stole cash, the scissors and his victim's video recorder, and pulled out the telephone wires. Forensic scientists found his fingermarks in both flats and DNA tests showed he had had sex with both women. Police also found a video and scissors in his home identical to those stolen from the dental student.

Mr Douglas of Ladywell, southeast London, denies two charges of rape.

The trial continues today.

Archers addicts seek mercy for serial offender

By Alan Hamilton

ANGRY protesters have written to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, demanding that he intervene to free the Ambridge One.

Susan Carter, the mother of two young children, was jailed for six months at Borsetshire Crown Court two days before Christmas for conspiring to pervert the course of justice. She pleaded guilty to helping her brother, Clive Horrobin, escape arrest while he was being sought on a charge of armed robbery.

Carter's sentence has elicited widespread sympathy and the beginnings of a concerted campaign for her release. Unlike the Guildford Four, the Pentonville Five and the Birmingham Six, however, the Ambridge One is entirely fictional. But listeners to *The Archers* on BBC Radio 4 take the 43-year-old story of increasingly naughty folk with the utmost seriousness.

Devotees in Romney Marsh, Kent, which just happens to lie within the Home Secretary's Folkestone constituency, have written to Mr Howard demanding that he issue a pardon, and have decorated their windows with bold posters stating: "Free Susan Carter now."

The appeal has so far fallen on deaf ears. Mr Howard is currently in the United States but, in his absence, the Home Office said there could be no possibility of a pardon as Mrs Carter had pleaded guilty and there was therefore no question of a miscarriage of justice. Her best course was to appeal to a higher court against her sentence.

Yesterday, a BBC spokesman representing Mark Hebden, Mrs Carter's fictional solicitor, pointed out that the accused had done herself no favours in court. She ignored her solicitor's advice to remain silent and then his suggestion that she reveal her brother had threatened her.

But many Ambridge addicts have still been appalled by the severity of the sentence. After transmission on December 23, the BBC received phone calls from some aghast at the thought that a mother-of-two could be jailed before Christmas, and others disbelieving that anyone could get six months behind bars for what Mrs Carter did in a fit of sisterly loyalty. But the script was written in close consultation with the Law Society, and although the sentence was on the severe side it was entirely within the realms of real-life possibility.

The campaign to free Susan Carter is not without its serious purpose. Tyrone Guy, one of the instigators of the Romney Marsh appeal, said yesterday: "It is a serious point that the legal system can put a woman in prison without taking into account the fact that she is a mother with a previously clean record. This could happen in a real court of law, and it is worrying."



Charlotte Martin: the voice of Susan Carter

Roger Ede, secretary of the Law Society's criminal law committee and adviser to the BBC scriptwriters, agreed. "What Susan Carter did was a serious offence, and her sentence reflects the determination of judges to clamp down on those who interfere with the course of justice. But it also reflects concern within the legal profession about the use of prison as a sentence."

Susan will probably be out in not much more than three months. Her main worry in the mean time could be that sly Maureen Travis has designs on her husband.

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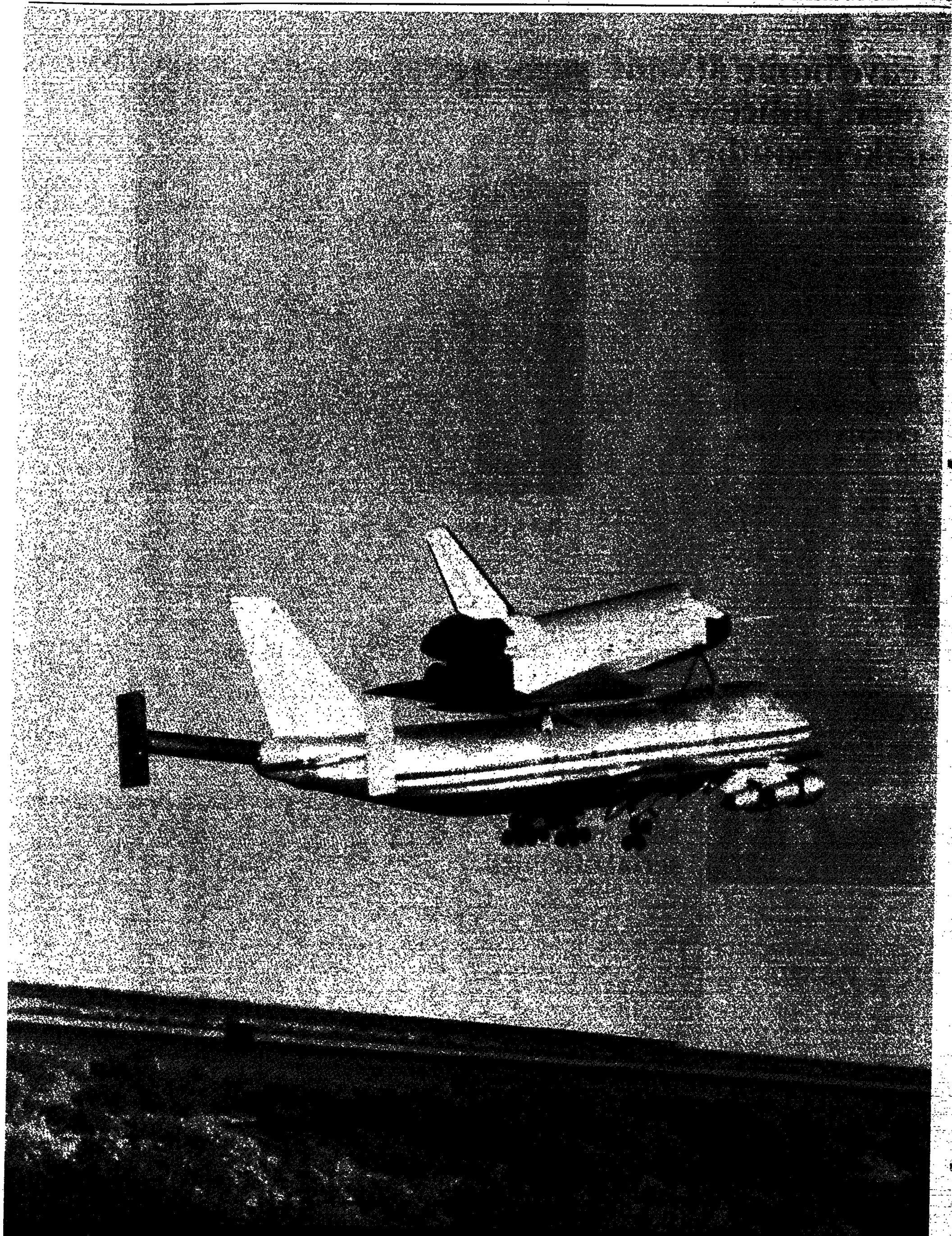
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I ran for my life, PC shot by gang tells bomb trial

BY RICHARD DUCE

A POLICE constable told the Old Bailey yesterday of the moment when he came face to face with a gunman who shot him three times at close range.

PC Mark Toker, 25, was carrying out a routine check on a van in the centre of Warrington. When he made clear that he intended to search the vehicle, he was shot from a distance of less than 10ft by Pairic MacFhloinn, the court was told. Mr MacFhloinn was alleged to be a member of a three-man IRA bombing team.

As PC Toker turned to run away, he was shot in the stomach and twice more in the legs. The third bullet, fired into the top of his left buttock, brought him down and the gang, who had recently planted three bombs at the gasworks near by, sped away, the court was told.

PC Toker, who had chosen to work overtime that evening, said that the gunman was crouched in the rear of the van, with the sliding door open. "The first pain I felt was after the first bang. I can't be positive. I was so frightened I was trying to run away. As I turned I heard a shot. I felt something hit me in the stomach. I just tried to keep on running. Then I was hit at the top of the left thigh. One hit me at the top of the left buttock and I fell. I can't say for sure, but it seemed like five bangs."

He said that he had managed to run about 15ft before he was brought down. He shouted into his radio: "I've been shot. I've been shot."



Toker: hit three times as he checked van

Helen Dawson, a nurse who had been dining at a Chinese restaurant near by, said in a statement that she managed to stanch the flow of blood from PC Toker's wounds before he was taken to Warrington General Hospital on the night of February 25 last year.

PC Toker had stopped the van, driven by Denis Kinsella, because it had hesitated at a green light. Mr Kinsella had passed a breath test but all three men in the van gave false names. Mr MacFhloinn is alleged to have opened fire with a 9mm pistol as PC Toker stood beside the 10-year-old Mazda van checking the men's details on the police national computer.

Mr MacFhloinn, 39, from Dublin, and Mr Kinsella, 26, from Nottingham, deny a total of six charges alleging that they caused an explosion with intent to endanger life, attempted to murder PC Toker or caused him grievous bodily harm, the kidnapping of Lee Wright, attempted to murder PC Andrew MacKay and possessed a firearm with intent to endanger life. Mr Kinsella's uncle, John Kinsella, 48, from Nottingham, who was not in the van, denies a charge of possessing Semtex with intent to endanger life.

Lee Wright, 19, told the court that his car was flagged down at gunpoint after the men had abandoned the van in Lymm, Cheshire. He was frog-marched out of the car and bundled into the boot.

Mr Wright said he feared that he could have been shot at any time. After about half an hour in the boot, the car began to accelerate. He felt it do a handbrake turn and heard the sound of a siren and two loud bangs, which are alleged to have been shots fired at the chasing police.

He managed to pull out one of the wires to the fuel tank. Soon afterwards, the men abandoned the car.

Mr MacFhloinn and Denis Kinsella were arrested after a police chase, in which it is alleged that shots were fired at PC MacKay. The third man in the van, Michael Timmins, escaped.

The trial continues.

JULIAN HERBERT



Charlie Roberts, 14, "Britain's most caring boy", with his mother Gail, who nominated him for helping to care for his invalid father. Charlie, from Worthing, was joined by Charlotte Crampton, 12, from Derby as winners in the Savlon Caring Kids Campaign yesterday. They were chosen from hundreds of contenders

Geographers' conference

Fear of sex attack drives women to shun forest walks

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

WOMEN are now so frightened of attack that they are reluctant to go for a walk in the woods.

The murder of Rachel Nickell on Wimbledon Common, southwest London, and the way in which it was reported have reinforced women's fears, Dr Jacqueline Burgess, of University College, London, told the Institute of British Geographers conference in Nottingham yesterday.

Dr Burgess was asked by the Countryside Commission to investigate the fears, and how they might be reduced by better planning of forests. She carried out the research by taking groups of people for walks in two recreational woodlands, Bencroft Woods in South Hertfordshire, and Bestwood Park on the outskirts of Nottingham. After each walk the participants discussed their feelings. Many mentioned the Nickell case.

Dr Burgess found that older women were the most fearful, but anxieties were also expressed by younger women, teenage girls, and groups of Afro-Asian women. The sense of isolation and enclosure, and the fact that forests provide plenty of places for men to hide, were the reasons given for the fears.

In fact, Dr Burgess said, attacks in woodland and countryside were rare. In Bencroft there were no recorded cases of attacks; in Bestwood, there were reports of a flasher who was in the habit of roaming the park dressed only in a kilt and with a dead fox around his neck. "The rangers say he's harmless," Dr Burgess said. "They're acutely aware of it, but they don't react quickly enough to complaints.

"The dominant fear among all women is of sexually motivated attacks — rape or murder," Dr Burgess said. "This fear is uppermost in women's minds." Men also expressed some fears, but their main worry was robbery with violence. They tended to reinforce women's fears by suggesting that forests were dangerous places for their wives and daughters to go unaccompanied.

Dr Burgess said the media bore some blame because they had "sensationalised sex crimes". Reports that would once have appeared only in a few tabloid papers were now found in the mainstream press. "The Rachel Nickell case made a profound impact on all our groups," she said. This was because press reports continually repeated the details of what was, in fact, a rare event.

If the 12 community forests planned for planting around Britain's cities were to be a success, these fears needed to be addressed, she said. Education programmes, more rangers from ethnic minority groups, and other initiatives to persuade people to use the woods would be more useful than planting more trees. "But try telling that to the Department of the Environment."



Nickell: murdered while out walking with son

Teachers in class of their own in France

BY A STAFF REPORTER

TEACHERS have led a new British invasion of France, in search of a rural idyll and an old barn to convert.

A study of British homeowners in France shows that teachers just beat owners of private companies as the most common professional group. Many have giving up teaching for farm labouring or working in shops.

Few seem to regret the move, according to Dr Keith Hoggart, of King's College London, who has carried out the first detailed survey of the scale and impact of the French home-buying boom, which peaked at the end of the 1980s but is still strong.

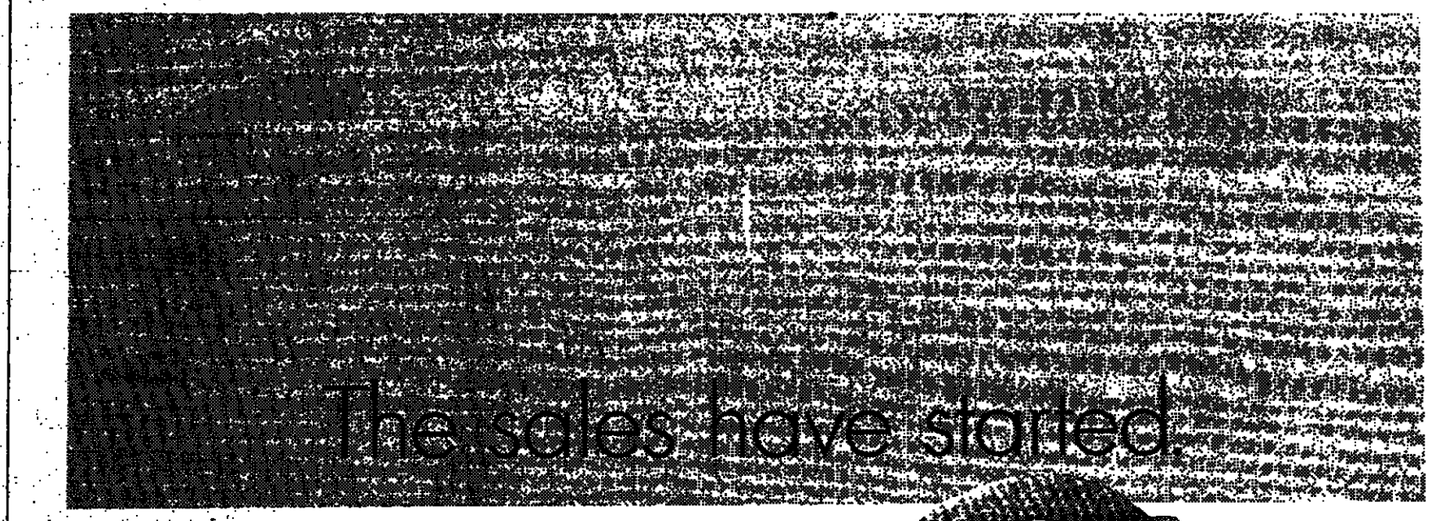
Dr Hoggart, who estimates that 100,000 Britons own properties in France, interviewed 406 of them and obtained evidence from the Banque de France. This showed that spending by Britons on French properties soared from Fr564 million in 1988 to Fr1.52 billion a year later.

The latest figures for 1991 show that Fr1.03 billion was spent that year. Dr Hoggart told the conference that British buyers concentrated on older properties in remote areas, of little interest to French buyers, so the sales had little effect on French house prices generally.

A surprising number of Britons have moved to France before retirement age, without a job. More than half the English buyers were from the South East, followed by the South West, 12.8 per cent, and the West Midlands, 4.4 per cent. The largest group are in their late 40s and early 50s, but it is far from rare for those in their 20s to migrate.

Sixty per cent pay cash for their French properties. Their destination is mostly Western France. The greatest risk the buyers face is that they will be unable to sell their expensively converted properties, except to other Britons.

By 1991, there were more than 62,000 Britons holding *cartes de sejour*, permission to remain permanently in France, an increase of more than 50 per cent since 1980.



Prime Minister announces military tributes to mark 50 years since Normandy landings

Germany retreats from the Allies' D-Day anniversary

BY JOHN YOUNG

GERMANY will not be represented at the fiftieth anniversary commemoration in June of the D-Day landings in Normandy, John Major said yesterday. "I have discussed this previously with Chancellor Kohl, and he said he would not be there," he said.

The royal yacht *Britannia*, with the Queen and President Clinton aboard, will lead a flotilla of warships and merchant vessels across the Channel to mark the anniversary.

The Queen is expected to be accompanied also by President Mitterrand of France, King Harald of Norway, President Walesa of Poland and Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada. The fleet will be greeted by a fly-past of Allied aircraft. The heads of state will take the salute and wreaths will be laid on the water.

Mr Major said: "This is essentially a commemorative event for the Allies. In the future, Germany will be asked to participate in events marking the end of the war."

Field Marshal Lord Bramall, former chief of the defence staff and a Normandy veteran, said the issue of German participation was one of considerable sensitivity. Events planned for next year to mark the end of the war would be an appropriate occasion to get together and shake hands. Lord Bramall said, and he hoped many Germans would take part.

Several letters on the question of German attendance at the D-Day ceremonies were published in *The Times* last September and October. Among veterans gathered at the Imperial War Museum in London yesterday, where details of the commemoration were unveiled, opposition to German participation was clear.

"I don't think the Germans should be here on this occasion," Ernest Wakeling, a former sergeant-major in the Royal Artillery, said. "Let's face it, they were the cause of it all. I would not object to individuals wanting to honour their own dead, but I would not like to see anything official."

Mr Major said that government support for the commemorative ceremonies would redeem the promise made by Field Marshal Montgomery, who told his troops: "In the better days that lie ahead men will speak with pride of our doings."

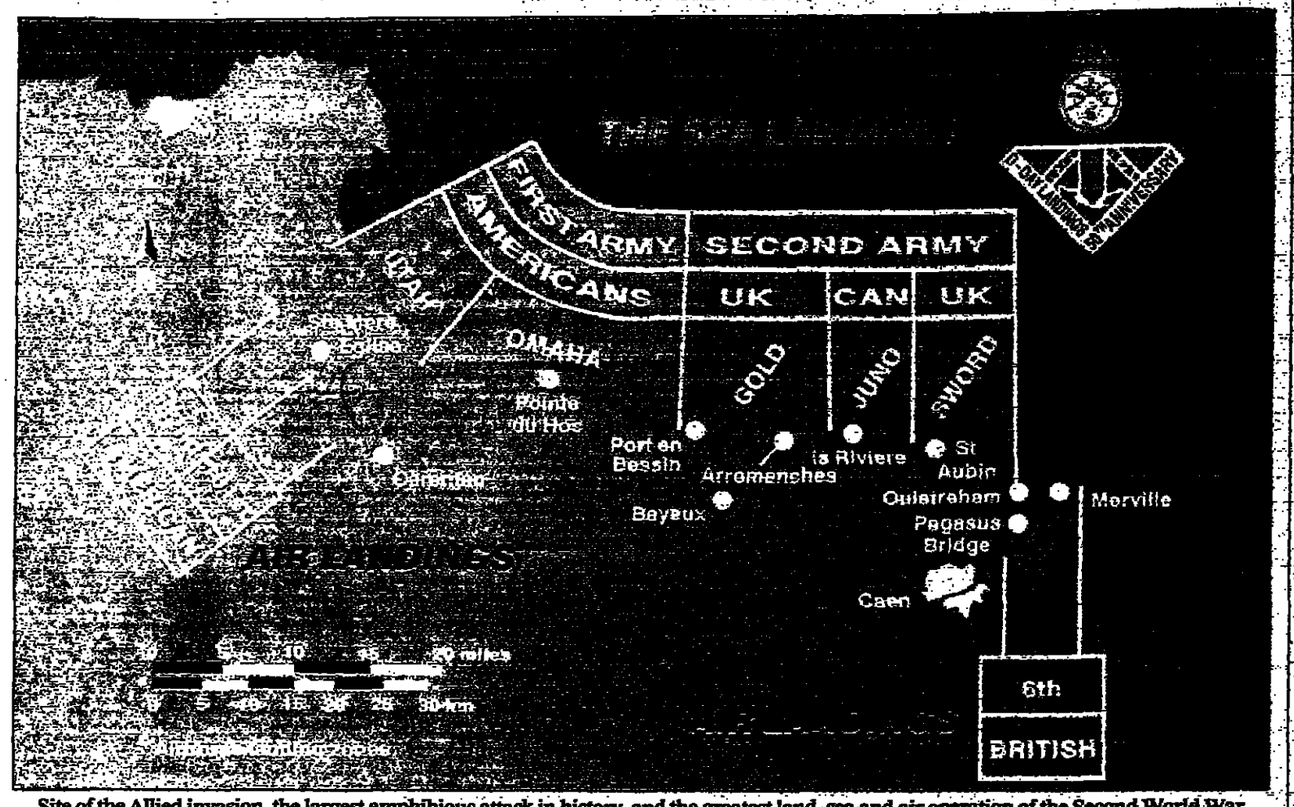
The commemorations will mark the sacrifice made by some 10,000 British, Canadian and American troops who were either killed or wounded in the landings. By September, Allied casualties were to rise to 210,000 with 37,000 dead, but by then most of France had been liberated and Operation Overlord was well on its way to restoring peace in Europe.

The planned events between June 4 and 6 will begin with a garden party in the grounds of Southwick House in Portsmouth, the headquarters of General Eisenhower, who launched the invasion with the laconic words: "OK, let's go."

On the morning of June 6, thousands of veterans are expected to attend services held simultaneously in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemeteries. That afternoon President Mitterrand will host an international ceremony on Omaha beach before a march-past along the beach at Arromanches.

An exhibition will open at the Imperial War Museum on February 18, which will include contemporary footage of the landings; top-secret planning documents used by Eisenhower, Montgomery and other Allied leaders; the first invasion message to reach England via carrier pigeon; and diaries and letters of those who took part in the landings.

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Child found dead in arson car

Police are treating as suspicious the death of a young person whose charred body was found in a burnt-out car.

An investigation started yesterday after the body of a 12 to 15-year-old, which was so badly burnt police that could not determine its sex, was found in the car near a road at Devil's Dyke, West Sussex.

An emergency worker said: "It didn't look as though the car had crashed. It looked like it had been set on fire."

Murder charge

Peter Lazlo Walton, 27, of Middlesbrough, was remanded in custody by Teesside magistrates charged with murdering Peter Homer, who was shot outside his son's home at Coulby Newham shortly before Christmas.

Rape arrests

Four men were released on police bail yesterday after being arrested in connection with the gang rape of two girls, aged 14 and 15, in Catford, south London.

Mother in court

Maxine Robertson, 25, was remanded in custody by magistrates at Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, accused of murdering her children, Christine and Anthony, aged 18 months and 5 months, on June 29 at their home at Ouston.

Cancer ruling

The Crown Prosecution Service has told Dr Paul Miller, of Earby, Lancashire, there will be no prosecution over a terminally ill cancer patient he had been treating whose body was exhumed following suggestions of a mercy killing.

Head case

Fireman had to grease the head of a prisoner to free him after he got his head stuck in a police station cell door at Keighley, West Yorkshire.

Sea pollution kills hundreds of birds and baffles experts

BY NICK NUTTALL AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

TESTS were being carried out at laboratories across Britain last night to try to discover the source of pollution that is killing hundreds of seabirds on England's northwest coast.

Scientists and wildlife experts battling to save seabirds caught up in a mysterious sticky solution said that it was unlike anything they had seen before.

Colin Seddon, manager of the RSPCA's West Hatch Wildlife Hospital at Taunton, Somerset, said: "Over the last ten years, we have cleaned 7,000 to 8,000 seabirds polluted with oil, but this stuff is much stickier and much harder to get off."

A spokesman for the Marine Pollution Control Unit in Southampton, part of the Department of Transport, said: "It is a substance resembling mastic or adhesive. There is no indication of what it is or where it is coming from."

Monitoring the slick is made harder because the pollution is floating under the surface. An airborne monitoring system, tested by the National Rivers Authority last year, might have been able to track the pollution to its source, said Nick Holden, a researcher with the authority involved in the project. But the aircraft is in Canada with its owners because funds to buy the system are still awaiting approval from the Department of the Environment.

The oil and gas industry in the east Irish Sea and Morecambe Bay areas was being pointed to yesterday as a possible source of the pollution. It may also have come from a ship that has lost a cargo or has been washing out tanks illegally.



The authority, which has mounted coastal and beach patrols, has been testing pollution in local rivers and estuaries such as the Wyre. Here, heavy industries discharge wastes but researchers have failed to find contamination of the kind that has appeared on beaches between Lytham St Anne's and Blackpool and at Silecroft and Newbiggin in Cumbria.

Analysis of the substance was being carried out last night at a government laboratory in Teddington, west London, and at centres in Nottingham and Lancashire. The matter has affected more than 495 birds killing 212 so far, according to the RSPCA.

Some 270 badly polluted birds are being treated at the West Hatch centre. "With normal oil pollution, it takes 20 to 30 minutes to clean each bird using ordinary washing-up liquid," Mr Seddon said. "We are having to wash these birds twice, the first time in a marine detergent of the type used to emulsify oil slicks. It is taking about an hour to clean each one."

Ornithologists said the common scoter, a diver that spends most of its time at sea, was the worst-hit by the pollution. Other affected seabirds include guillemots, great crested grebes, razorbills and red-throated divers. Far fewer shore birds have suffered, among them knots, dunlins, curlews and rare bar-tailed godwits.

Michael Jack, the fisheries minister and MP for Fylde, is to visit the RSPCA's animal centre in Blackpool today to support an appeal for funds to pay for treating polluted birds. The work costs £30 a bird.

Hoover flight fight takes off

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY AND IAN MURRAY

MEMBERSHIP of the group planning High Court action against Hoover doubled this week after customers were given only 72 hours to claim free flights.

The Hoover Holiday Pressure Group said it now has 1,200 members who have not received flight allocations after the company's bungled promotion offer and is assessing the cost of bringing a combined action against Hoover. Harry Cichy, who heads the band of disgruntled Hoover buyers, said: "Members need to contribute £5 each towards the fighting fund, which already stands at around £4,000." The group estimates it will need 2,500 members and £12,500 for a court case.

It said that Hoover's final offer to claim flights was sent to 40,000 homes as late as Christmas Eve and many did not arrive until Tuesday this week. Forms had to be returned by the next day to qualify.

Mid Glamorgan trading standards officers reported that they received 500 calls from angry customers who received letters.

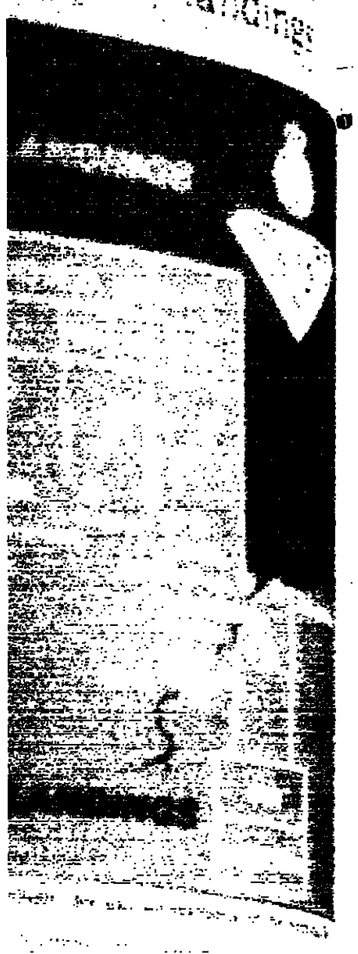
Mr Cichy said: "People are being offered unsuitable dates at very short notice, and customers in Manchester are being asked to fly from Gatwick and Heathrow."

Hoover said it would give people a few days to return forms if they arrived late.

Herbert Smith, a London solicitors' firm, will represent the pressure group if the case goes to court. A partner said: "We are prepared to help, but the action group must organise claims."

As many as 500,000 people are thought to have bought Hoover products to qualify for the two free airline tickets that were offered. So far, 130,000 have been allocated flights.

Another firm of solicitors is also planning a string of cases against Hoover. Thirty people who were unable to get the bookings they wanted have contacted the firm, J. Keith Park, of St Helens, Merseyside.



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Legal loophole blamed

Cancer deaths from asbestos 'will triple in next 10 years'

BY ANDREW PIERCE

■ **British insurance companies are braced for huge payouts in the wake of billion-dollar compensation claims in America**

DEATHS related to asbestos, which had been expected to decline by the end of the century, will instead triple, according to research published yesterday.

The Institute of Cancer Research in London estimates that the death rate over the next few years from mesothelioma, the chest cancer caused by exposure to asbestos dust, will soar from 1,010 in 1991 to almost 3,000, the equivalent of one male death in every hundred.

The Health and Safety Executive described the figures as catastrophic and horrifying. They will also be a further blow to the British insurance industry, already stretched by claims in America, which is now expected to face compensation claims of billions of pounds.

Plumbers, builders, electricians, carpenters and other tradesmen are most at risk, according to the figures compiled by Julian Peto, Professor of Epidemiology at the Institute of Cancer Research in London. Legislation was introduced in the 1960s to protect workmen but it never applied to shipyards, railways and buildings. It meant that workers have been exposed to levels of dust which had long been outlawed in asbestos factories.

Professor Peto said: "The death toll should have decreased after the 1990s. But it has gone from an extraordinary to a rare cancer. It is already causing more cancer deaths in Britain than any other industrial carcinoma put together. It will be even worse in 30 years' time."

Hundreds suffered heavy exposure to asbestos dust in the 1950s. As it could take 50 years for the cancer to come through, the experts expected the death toll to fall. "I thought it would peak at 1,000 a year and decline afterwards," said the professor. "I was shocked when I analysed the trends and found the opposite was happening."

Professor Peto's findings were broadcast yesterday by the Radio 4 programme *Face the Facts*. John Waite, the presenter, described as wicked companies that had breached the regulations.

John James, head of the asbestos unit at the Health and Safety Executive, admitted that a lot of people were still not working to the Government's standards. He said: "We need to look carefully at the people who are being diagnosed to find the source of their exposure." Professor Peto's figures were horrifying and catastrophic, he said.

Only recently the owner of a firm was fined £8,000 for demolishing a building containing asbestos, without complying with the regulations that the Health and Safety Executive had provided. Mr James said: "Undoubtedly, some people will be exposed. If I had been on the bench, the fine would have been considerably higher."

Peter Hampshire, 60, a carpenter, will never live to use the workshop he has built at his house in Harold Wood, Essex. He has only months to live. He said: "My job on the building site was to pitch roofs on houses which involved putting boards on the underside of the roof. They were asbestos-based boards." They used to crumble when they were cut. "I couldn't avoid inhaling or breathing it in."



Peter and Sheila Hampshire. He has months to live



Insp Neil Wain with the Stinger, which is placed in front of the joyrider's car

BARRY GREENWOOD



The spikes can be pulled away before the next car passes

Police put spike in joyriders' wheels

BY RONALD FAUX

A NEW police weapon that spreads a line of needle-sharp spikes into the path of cars being driven by joyriders or other criminals has claimed its first success in tests around Manchester. The Stinger brought its first suspect target to a flat-tyred halt in Bolton two days ago.

Chief Supt Trevor Barton, of Greater Manchester police, said yesterday that trials of the device, popular in America and parts of the Continent, had been promising. The Stinger is also being evaluated by police in Cleveland and Avon.

The device, which costs £600, is operated by a team in two police cars. Officers in the pursuing car direct the other car by radio to a point that they expect the fleeing car to pass. An officer places the 15ft-long Stinger in the joyrider's path. The 1½in spikes are picked up by the front wheels and cause a slow puncture. The steering becomes increasingly heavy and the car comes to a halt.

Once the vehicle has passed over the Stinger, the device can be withdrawn to avoid damaging the pursuing police car.

Mr Barton said: "The Stinger requires a co-ordinated operation and some local knowledge about where a suspect car is likely to go. Often they follow a predictable path; joyriders like to drive down certain roads to wave at their friends."

Take an aspirin — save a life

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

ASPIRIN could save more than 7,000 lives a year in Britain, and 100,000 worldwide, if it were prescribed to every survivor of a heart attack, stroke or heart bypass operation.

Results from 300 clinical trials involving 140,000 patients around the world suggest that almost everyone with a history of heart disease should be taking half an aspirin a day for the rest of their lives.

Aspirin helps to prevent blood clots which can cause fatal heart attacks if they become lodged in the tiny coronary arteries that supply the heart itself. But the findings, published in the *British Medical Journal*, suggest a wider range of patients could also be helped.

Dr Rory Collins, the British Heart Foundation's senior research fellow and co-director of the Clinical Trial Service Unit at Oxford, said: "I would think we could double the number of lives saved in Britain, and the number of non-fatal heart attacks and strokes avoided, if everyone who could benefit from aspirin were receiving it.

"We now know that aspirin works about as well for women as for men, for the elderly as for the middle-aged, for those with high blood pressure as well as those with normal blood pressure and in diabetics and non-diabetics."

The researchers warn against people with no definite sign of heart disease taking aspirin to prevent it. They say there is no reliable evidence that it is effective in low-risk patients and side effects — such as internal bleeding — though rare, may do more harm than good.

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Hastings tournament

WITH the last round still to be played in the Hastings Premier tournament, Britain's strongest all-play-all event, the London grandmaster John Nunn leads by half a point over his closest rival, Mikhail Krasenkov of Russia. At stake is the £2,000 first prize.

Ketevan Arakhamia, the powerful female player from Georgia, had been heading for a superb result and was on the verge of achieving the grandmaster norm of 5½ points. However, she was stopped in her tracks in round eight by the Indian grandmaster Dibyendu Barua.

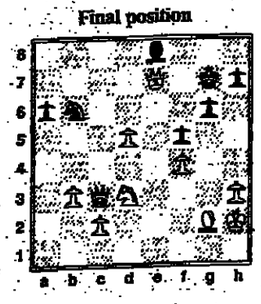
Arakhamia seized the initiative from the opening but may have broken in the centre prematurely with her twentieth and twenty-first moves.

White: Dibyendu Barua
Black: Ketevan Arakhamia
Hastings Premier
December 1993 to January 1994

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	e6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	d6
6	g3	Be7
7	Bg2	a6
8	0-0	0-0
9	a4	Qc7
10	a5	Nc6
11	Nb3	Ne5
12	h3	Rb8
13	f4	Nc4
14	Qe2	Nd7
15	Kh2	Bf6
16	Rf3	b5
17	axb6	Nxb6
18	Rd3	Re8
19	Nd1	Bb7
20	Nd4	e5
21	Nf5	d5
22	Nf2	exd4
23	Bxd4	Be5
24	Qg4	g6
25	exd5	Bxd4
26	gxf4	Bc8
27	Nh6+	Kg7
28	Qh4	f5
29	Rc3	Qc5
30	Nd3	Qd4
31	Re1	Bd7
32	Rb3	Ne3
33	Rb4	Nbc4
34	Rxb8	Rxb8
35	b3	Nb6
36	Qe7+	Kxh6
37	Qxe3	Qc3
38	Qe7	Re8
39	Qg5+	Kg7
40	Rxe8	Bxe8
41	Qe7+	Black resigns

Final position



Round eight results:
Rogers — Sherbakov, 1-0
Sadler — Krasenkov, draw
Nunn — Hennigan, 1-0
Hebden — Gurevich, draw
Barua — Arakhamia, 1-0

Scores after eight rounds:
6½ Nunn
6 Krasenkov
4 Hebden, Gurevich, Arakhamia
3½ Sadler, Rogers, Hennigan
3 Barua
2 Sherbakov

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Police form tourist squad in Miami

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

MIAMI is to spend £1.2 million on setting up its own "tourist police" to advise and protect foreigners, after a series of attacks, including nine murders since October 1992.

The unit will be operating from April to assist those renting cars at the international airport and driving to city-centre hotels.

The airport has recruited 23 officers to join a team of more than 120 already stationed in the area, and the specially uniformed police will appear in and around the airport in the spring to patrol the streets into the city.

Miami stepped up security arrangements last autumn by putting more undercover officers on the streets, sponsoring a help-line and setting up new street signs to make navigation easier for strangers. The distinctive number-plates of rental companies have been removed after tourists said that they made them targets for robberies.

About 800,000 British tourists visited Florida last year. In Britain, the Institute of Travel and Tourism set up its own working party after the murders amid fears that tour operators and the Foreign Office were giving conflicting advice.

Four months ago, a British holidaymaker, Gary Colley, was murdered as he and his girl friend Margaret Jagger slept in a layby 25 miles from Tallahassee.

Government puts onus on parents to halt the rise in drug taking by children

Bereaved mothers attack message in anti-drug campaign

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

TWO mothers whose children died from drug abuse have criticised a new government campaign that seeks to put parents in the front line of the war against drugs.

Fears that the number of schoolchildren experimenting with drugs is increasing have prompted the £2.5 million television and press campaign that urges parents to listen to their children instead of shouting at them.

Dr Brian Mawhinney, the health minister, who invited the mothers to the launch, said that one in six 15-year-olds had been offered drugs, and half of those had tried them.

However, Shirley Redin, 52, a dress designer from Hampstead, north London, whose daughter Lesley was a heroin addict, said the campaign was providing too little, too late. "Children must be taught at school from the age of seven or eight about the dangers. Today's campaign seems to be aimed at parents whose children are already using drugs." Her view was backed by Victoria Cleary, of Telford, Shropshire, whose son Jamie died after sniffing Calor gas from a bottle.

Dr Mawhinney said that every parent had a responsibility to discourage their children from becoming involved with drugs but he acknowledged that the message was complex.

One of the press advertisements for the campaign says: "A lot of parents like a drink or cigarette, so remember your child may question your actions."

Dr Mawhinney said parents who discovered their children taking drugs should curb their natural anger and fear. "That simply has the effect of erecting a communication barrier between parent and child. What we are trying to say to them is pause, take a deep breath, get the child to start talking and listen to what they have to say, what the pressures are on them, why they want to experiment and allow a sensible discussion to take place."

Mrs Redin said she had done everything she could to save her daughter Lesley after she started sniffing glue at the age of 13 before switching to cocaine and heroin. "I talked to her till I was blue in the face but it didn't make any difference," she said. "She thought she knew what she was doing. All you can do is love your children unconditionally and recognise that they have choices. Some choose to be addicts."

Critics said the impact of the campaign would be undermined by the five-fold reduction in local drug prevention programmes, after cuts in funding by the Education Department. "It is spitting in the wind," said Noel Towe, director of the Local Government Drugs Forum.



Lesley Redin: started solvent abuse at 13



Jamie Cleary: died after sniffing Calor gas

ADRIAN BROOKS



Dr Brian Mawhinney with Victoria Cleary, centre, and Shirley Redin, whose children died from drug abuse

Young addicts start with solvents

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

DRUG abuse in Scotland is a particularly serious problem with about 20,000 addicts injecting hard drugs. The Scottish Office believes that about a third of all young people have either used or been offered drugs before the age of 30.

A recent survey of those aged between 16 and 30 showed that 21 per cent had used recreational drugs and another 10 per cent had been offered them but declined. About 2 to 3 per cent of 13-year-olds had abused solvents.

Studies carried out in Scotland show that as children grow older they are more likely to use drugs. The study of a group of those aged 15 and 16 in Lothian in 1979 showed that 15 per cent of boys and 11 per cent of girls had used drugs. Five years later, 30 per cent of them had used drugs.

Many in the Lothian study had progressed from solvent abuse to the use of so-called recreational drugs. The study also revealed that those who experimented with illegal drugs were likely to be heavy drinkers and smokers.

In 1990, the number of drug-related offences in Scotland rose by 36 per cent to 9,564. Since then, much has been done. Needle exchanges in Glasgow and Edinburgh have proved successful and the Government has funded a helpline for the past two years that can deal with upwards of 1,500 calls a month.

Helen Coyle, of Network Scotland, said most of the calls come from those aged 21 and under or their parents.

Allergies doctor urges law on labels

BY EDWARD GORMAN

A DOCTOR yesterday called for mandatory labelling of food containing peanuts, as the latest victim to die from acute allergic reaction to them was buried.

Louise Swallow, 38, a mother of two from Corbridge, Northumberland, is the fifth person in the past 12 months to die after inadvertently eating peanuts. She developed a fatal reaction after eating a peanut in a takeaway meal on December 30.

Mrs Swallow's death followed that of Gillian Moses, 21, of Seamill, Strathclyde, two days earlier, who choked to death after eating nuts in a vegetarian rissole. Sarah Reading, 17, from Ash, Surrey, died after eating a slice of lemon meringue pie which she did not know contained peanuts in its base.

After her death her father, David Reading, called on the Government to introduce legislation to ensure that ingredients were properly listed in all food products.

His call was taken up yesterday by Professor Tak Lee, a specialist in allergies at Guy's Hospital, London, who estimates that there could be up to 1,000 people in Britain with a possible fatal allergy to peanuts. "It is absolutely critical that in foodstuffs in supermarkets and elsewhere, especially in mixed products, it is made clear what is in them," he said.

A spokesman at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said that it was actively considering ways of improving labelling.

Fruity choice helps shed festive flab

BY DOMINIC HASLAM

THE post-Christmas slimming season starts with a drop in the price of fruit. Grapefruit are an excellent buy, with white at 20-40p and pink at 30-50p each.

Vegetables are also good value, with mushrooms the best buy of the week. Buttons are 80p-£1 a lb and flats are 75-90p a lb. Broccoli is about 80p-£1 a lb.

Meat prices have fallen slightly, especially beef. Rump steak can be bought for £2.98 a lb. Pork is also a good buy with chops at £1.29 a lb.

Bad weather and holidays have pushed up fish prices. Flatfish are scarce, but excellent quality plaice is available for £3.30 a lb. Smoked sprats are also a good buy at £2.30 a lb. Hen crab is £2 a lb and mussels about £2 for 4½ lb.

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☐ Safeway: Beef braising steak £1.78 a lb; hoki fillets £1.99 a lb; large honeydew melon £1.19; white seedless grapes 99p a lb; Hungarian dry muscat £2.19 for 75cl; Kestrel pilsner £5.89 for 12x500ml.

☐ Sainsbury: Rump, sirloin and fillet steak down £1 a lb; cottage cheese 99p a lb; clementines 99p a lb; Vin de Pays du Paradis £2.25 for 75cl.

☐ Tesco: Chicken fillets £2.75 a lb; English medium cheddar £1.94 a lb; Bordeaux Semillon £2.29 for 75cl; Yorkshire bitter £2.59 for 4x440ml.

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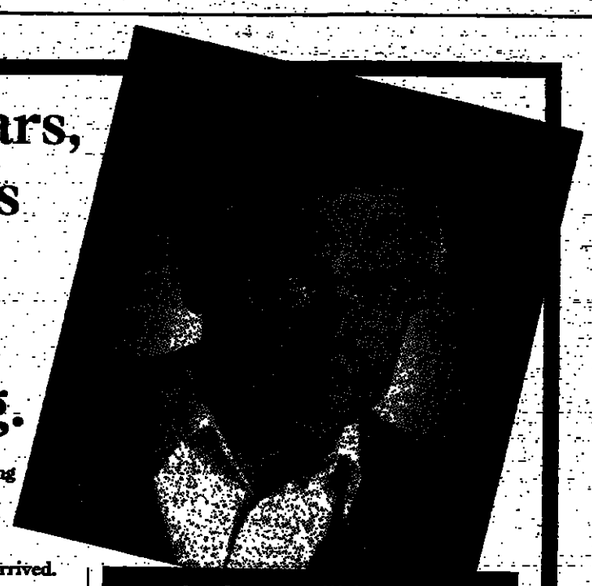


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Doomed uprising rips veil from Mexican 'miracle'



President Salinas: rebellion undermines his popularity

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN SAN CRISTÓBAL DE LAS CASAS

■ President Salinas had been basking in the praise for his economic reforms. Then came a suicidal peasant insurrection showing that the benefits of prosperity were far from universal

UNTIL Mexico's Indian peasant uprising erupted on New Year's Day, President Salinas de Gortari was walking tall, basking in the apparent success of a bold programme of economic reforms and preparing to hand over power after elections later this year to his hand-picked successor.

In only a few days, however, the country's political climate has changed. With violence continuing in the southern state of Chiapas, where more than 100 people have died in clashes between the army and guerrillas of the Zapatista National Liberation Army (ZNLA), Señor Salinas's hard-earned popularity is being daily undermined.

Allegations of human rights abuses by the Mexican army, including the killing of captured guerrillas and the indiscriminate bombing of civilians, have done much damage to Señor Salinas's national and international image, as well as to the political fortunes of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), which has governed without interruption for more than 60 years.

As head of state of a country of 85 million people and the world's thirteenth biggest economy, Señor Salinas said he was leading Mexicans out of the Third World wilderness. His reforms were credited with reviving an economy that was laden with debt in the 1980s, reducing inflation from 160 per cent to 9.5 per cent, while sharply increasing spending on public services.

His crowning moment should have come on January 1 with the implementation of the North *American Free Trade Agreement* (Nafta), heralding Mexico's entry into the promised land of industrialised nations and a new era of prosperity. Instead, the headlines were dominated by issues of poverty and armed struggle in Chiapas, raising questions about the true social benefits of the economic reforms.

"For the past five years, the Mexican government and the international community were saying that everything in Mexico was going well and that nothing would ever happen here. Well, something has happened now," Jorge Castaneda, a prominent Mexican writer, said. "This helps put Mexico in a more realistic light: this is a poor country, a Third World country. The idea of presenting us as on the threshold of the First World was absurd," he *added.*

While the uprising itself poses no serious military or political threat to the Salinas government and is unlikely to ignite popular rebellion in other parts of the country, the PRI's handling of events could create problems for Luis Donaldo Colosio, the party's candidate in the elections due in August.

Until last weekend Señor Colosio had been riding high on Señor Salinas's popularity, while Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, his chief opponent, the candidate of the left-wing Party of the Democratic Revolution, was losing ground. But the resurgence of issues of poverty and repression is likely to shift the political debate in Señor Cárdenas's favour. The PRI is still expected to win, but now the race might be much closer.

Señor Cárdenas leapt into the fray on Wednesday, blaming the PRI for the uprising and subsequent loss of life and attacking the government's "ineptitude, insensitivity, despotism and corruption".

So far the government's response to the uprising has been feeble. While thousands of troops have been deployed to snuff out the rebellion, PRI officials have sought to play down its significance, describing it as an isolated, spontaneous event, and promising a swift return to normality. A leading human rights activist said, however: "The government is badly discredited." The Roman Catholic Church had said that the miserably poor peasant communities of the Chiapas highlands were increasingly frustrated by government neglect of their needs. Mgr Samuel Ruiz, Bishop of San *Cristóbal de las Casas, said:* "We spoke out, but there was no echo. It took a suicidal peasant insurrection for anyone to pay attention."

Distrust remains as Israelis and PLO agree to more talks

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL and the Palestine Liberation Organisation yesterday ended a week-long crisis when they agreed to resume their dialogue on Monday in the Egyptian resort of Taba.

However, there were no signs that the two sides will be any nearer to resolving key disagreements in their landmark accord, which is a month behind schedule and at least several weeks away from being implemented.

A joint statement, released in Jerusalem and the PLO headquarters in Tunis, said that the negotiators would resume their talks to "reach an agreement as soon as possible" on the details of the transfer of Israeli authority to Palestinian control in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.

The sides will be represented by the same technical committees, headed by Major General Amnon Shahak of Israel and Nabil Shaath, a PLO adviser, who met in Taba in October when hopes were still high of an imminent agreement. However, the atmosphere surrounding the negotiations has since been soured.

Last week Israel broke off the talks, accusing the PLO of reneging on a compromise proposal to resolve the main outstanding issues — the control of international borders with Egypt and Jordan, the size of the Jericho enclave, and security for the Jewish settlers.

Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister and the architect of the deal signed with the PLO in September, said that the latest stand-off had taught Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, that he could not go back on his word. "The Palestinians have learnt that, when Israel says that it will not back down on its security needs, it means it," said Mr Peres, who admitted that even if the talks went smoothly it would still take weeks before there were any changes on the ground.

There were signs yesterday of fresh disagreements, particularly after Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, visited the Jordan Valley and assured Jewish settlers that Israel would never relinquish control of the border with Jordan. The Palestinian side responded angrily, insisting that the Israelis were still intent on redeploying their forces rather than withdrawing them from



Arab lands captured during the 1967 Six-Day War. "It is my understanding now that Mr Rabin is trying to reorganise the occupation after the model of occupation failed after 26½ years," said Saeb Erekat, a leading PLO figure in the West Bank. "If he anticipates that the Palestinians will be part of this reoganisation attempt, he is mistaken." Mr Erekat gave a warning that the success or failure of the peace process did not rest with the politicians who signed agreements, but with the impact that the changes had for people on the ground. "So far all we have witnessed is a major erosion of support for the agreement. People are losing faith," he said.

Speaking in Amman at the end of a four-day tour of the Levant, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, picked up the same theme, but urged Mr Arafat to show more flexibility in his dealings with Israel and separate talks with Jordan. "He should take and make a success of what has been agreed under the first stage and then go on," said Mr Hurd. He repeated his warning that the longer the accord was delayed the greater the opportunity for radical opponents of peace to undermine the agreement.

The Foreign Secretary's warning came as Israeli jets bombed suspected bases belonging to the hardline Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command, south of Beirut. In Jerusalem, a Palestinian activist belonging to the militant Islamic Jihad was shot and killed by Israeli police after stabbing and wounding an Israeli soldier.

□ **Damascus:** The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, have resolved a dispute which threatened to split their alliance against the Israel-PLO peace deal, officials said yesterday. *(Reuter)*



A lucky diver clutches a cross thrown into the sea by Greek Orthodox priests during the blessing of the waters at Glyfada, near Athens, to mark Epiphany yesterday

Peking dares to believe in life after Deng

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

A CHINESE newspaper with a national circulation has dared to mention the unmentionable: the impending death of Deng Xiaoping, 89, China's paramount leader.

"Of all the variables in the contemporary Chinese political structure, the least certain is the question of unity during the period of transfer of power," an article by a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences said in *China Youth Daily* on Tuesday. "If the process of transferring power is mishandled, the consequences would be disastrous," the writer added.

The Chinese press is almost wholly controlled by the Communist Party's propaganda department, and one of its many functions is to signal that something once taboo may now be mentioned. The death of Mr Deng, therefore, the reason for much political manoeuvring and jockeying, is now deemed open to discussion. When it comes, it will mark not only the virtual end of an era but, in the minds of many anxious Chinese, may mark the beginning of national fragmentation and economic dislocation.

One way of forestalling this is to assure the Chinese people that Mr Deng's person is not necessary for a tranquil future and that he and his policies, which have raised national living standards, are part of a continuum that includes those he has chosen as his heirs.

During the recent centennial celebrations of Chairman Mao's birth it was made plain that, while he was a great founder, he was also a man who failed — and where he failed Mr Deng succeeded. Last week in China's *Economic Daily*, a professor drew the parallel between the roles of the two men; in mid-December the *People's Daily* recalled that Mr Deng had said of Mao that "we should not go overboard in criticising the mistakes made by Comrade Mao Tse-tung. Negating such a great historical figure would lead to confusion of thought and political instability. We cannot jettison our grand ancestor." Those around Mr Deng know that many criticisms will not be voiced until he dies and that these will taint those he has chosen to succeed him, not least the Prime Minister, Li Peng.

That he ordered the Peking massacre on June 3 and 4, 1989, is the main charge that will be laid on his grave. Huge variables in wealth have accompanied his slogan "to get rich is glorious", as have vast corruption and rapid inflation. During his leadership crime has increased, as have rural riots and resentment among ethnic minorities.

This week the Chinese press carried warnings of "national instability" and "social unrest" which, readers are reminded, are among Mr Deng's central concerns. Everyone remembers the interregnum after Mao's death in 1976, when Hua Guofeng, his picked successor, attempted to continue the chairman's policies by ceaselessly praising "whatever" Mao said or did.

"Whateverism" became a dirty concept by 1978, but now it has returned, without the word, to tell the Chinese that their only chance for stability is to adhere to "Deng's Thought", whose nearly magical powers no longer require a living Mr Deng.

Out-of-control bush fires reach Sydney suburbs

Sydney: About 100 bush fires were burning out of control along the New *South Wales coast* in the worst fires seen in Australia in 40 years (Robert Cockburn writes). Towns and resorts were being evacuated at the height of the summer holidays: temperatures of up to 40C and rising winds were expected to bring the worst conditions today for 3,500 exhausted firefighters who have been working non-stop for four days.

Fires reached tinder-dry parklands in the Sydney suburbs yesterday and thick smoke hung along the city's northern and southern boundaries. Despite hundreds of reinforcements from Victoria, South Australia and Queensland, attempts to stop the flames were abandoned and protection of property became the priority. Two volunteer firefighters and a third person have died this week.

Several fires are believed to have been started deliberately and John Fahey, the New South Wales Premier, offered a $Aus 100,000 (£45,500) reward for information.

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Clinton deprived of his loyal champion as Miz Virginia loses her last battle

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

With the death of Bill Clinton's mother, Virginia Kelley, who died, aged 70, in her sleep early yesterday after a long fight against breast cancer, the President has been deprived of his staunchest supporter and his White House of one of its most colourful figures.

Known to old friends and top-level politicians alike as "Miz Virginia", she was an Arkansas lady of the old school, tough, good-humoured and, according to many, the compelling force behind her son's driving ambition.

A trained nurse who survived three husbands and grinding poverty, Miz Virginia saw more than her share of tragedy, including early widowhood, a younger son addicted to drugs, a second marriage to an alcoholic and, finally, the painful struggle with cancer. Speaking to a group of breast cancer patients last year, the President paid tribute to his "brave mother, who struggles on with her breast cancer condition and who has resumed her remarkable life".

That life was indeed remarkable for combining strong Baptist beliefs with a relish for fun. An habituée of race track and jazz bar who had a taste for mentholated chewing tobacco and the odd martini, Miz Virginia never allowed her son to forget his humble origins and made no secret of her own simple pleasures. In the last few days of her life she managed to fit in Christmas at the White House, a New Year's Day trip to Las Vegas and a rare Barbra Streisand concert. She is reported to have been in high spirits until the end.

As soon as he was informed of his mother's death by Dick Kelley, her husband, the President cancelled a foreign policy address in Milwaukee and prepared to return to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

He is, however, still expected to leave the United States on Saturday night for the Nato meeting in Brussels and the Moscow summit, according to Dee Dee Myers, the White House spokeswoman. His mother's funeral is to be held in Hot Springs on Saturday morning. It will be the third time within a year that the Clintons have returned to Arkansas for a funeral. The other two were for Hillary Clinton's father, Hugh Rodham, and for Vincent Foster, their close friend and White House counsel, who committed suicide.

For the President's detractors, Miz Virginia was always ready with a peppery word delivered in an Arkansas twang you could dance to. Mr Clinton, in turn, was a fierce defender of his mother's privacy and independence.

On one notable occasion, when Washington officials searched his mother's passport files during the election campaign, he compared the State Department to the Gestapo and mocked his opponents for "investigating my mother, a well-known subversive".

The close relationship of mother and son was forged in the troubled times during Miz Virginia's marriage to Roger Clinton Sr, her physically abusive second husband. During campaigns Mr Clinton often recalled the moment he stood up to his alcoholic stepfather and warned him never to hurt his mother again — a command the older man carefully obeyed.

Descended from Irish farming stock and Cherokee Indians, Miz Virginia brought an unorthodox vim to the otherwise rather prim Clinton White House. While she enjoyed the limelight, she was always eager to return to her Arkansas home, where she could fish off the front porch with her fourth husband, whose career she once described as "seeing that the Wal-Mart [supermarket] doesn't run out of Starkist [brand] tuna".

She brought a back-home, characteristically Southern touch to her son's eminence, simultaneously raunchy and respectable, proud and easy-going. Her own hair was usually arranged in a two-tone bouffant, and she limited her influence on the President to worrying about his sometimes unkempt appearance. "I think a nice-looking boy, neat in his appearance, handsome, is pleasing to the people," she once said.

On election night the President-to-be awarded her the first presidential hug of thanks. Her own method of celebrating her son's crowning achievement was to double her weekly bet on the horses from $3 (£2) to $6.



President Clinton with his mother last January, just before his inauguration and, below, Hillary Clinton, whose father died last year



Reagan's foe 'Tip' O'Neill dies aged 81

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE bipartisan mourning in Washington yesterday for Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, who died of a heart attack aged 81, brought with it a realisation of how the power and influence of the office of Speaker has declined on Capitol Hill.

Mr O'Neill, who held the post for ten years until his retirement in 1987, displayed inspired, effective and often entertaining leadership during a period of great political upheaval. For his last six years as Speaker, Mr O'Neill, with his rumpled frame, snowy mane of hair and generous waistline, became the best known Democrat in the country as he frequently went toe-to-toe with another American of Irish heritage, Ronald Reagan.

He once described Mr Reagan as "the least knowledgeable of any President I've ever met, on any subject". Yet Mr O'Neill's charm was such that Mr Reagan remembered their clashes fondly yesterday. In a statement, the former President said: "It's no secret that Tip and I often had differing political views but, as Tip once said during one of our fierce political battles, 'Don't worry, when five o'clock rolls around we'll put business aside and just be friends'."

The office of Speaker in the House of Representatives could scarcely be more different from its namesake in the House of Commons. While the British Speaker is a neutral chairman, the American version is supremely political. During Mr O'Neill's first 60 minutes as Speaker in 1977, he pushed through more than two dozen House rules to weaken the power of the Republican minority.

He cleverly walked a narrow line between breaking the once unchallenged power of congressional committee chairmen and granting much broader powers to rank-and-file members. He managed to bring about these reforms while retaining the loyalty of House veterans and of newcomers eager for change in the wake of Watergate. During his time in office, the House approved a new ethics code, placed limits on outside income and introduced television coverage of its sessions.

Mr O'Neill's successors are shallow figures by comparison. The hapless James Wright was driven from office in 1989, whining that he had somehow been ill-treated despite an ethics committee finding of 69 violations of the new restrictions on accepting gifts and outside income.

The present incumbent, Thomas Foley, is so lacking in charisma that he may have difficulty winning re-election this year. He was once so upset by a suggestion that he might have mildly criticised George Bush privately that he issued a public denial.

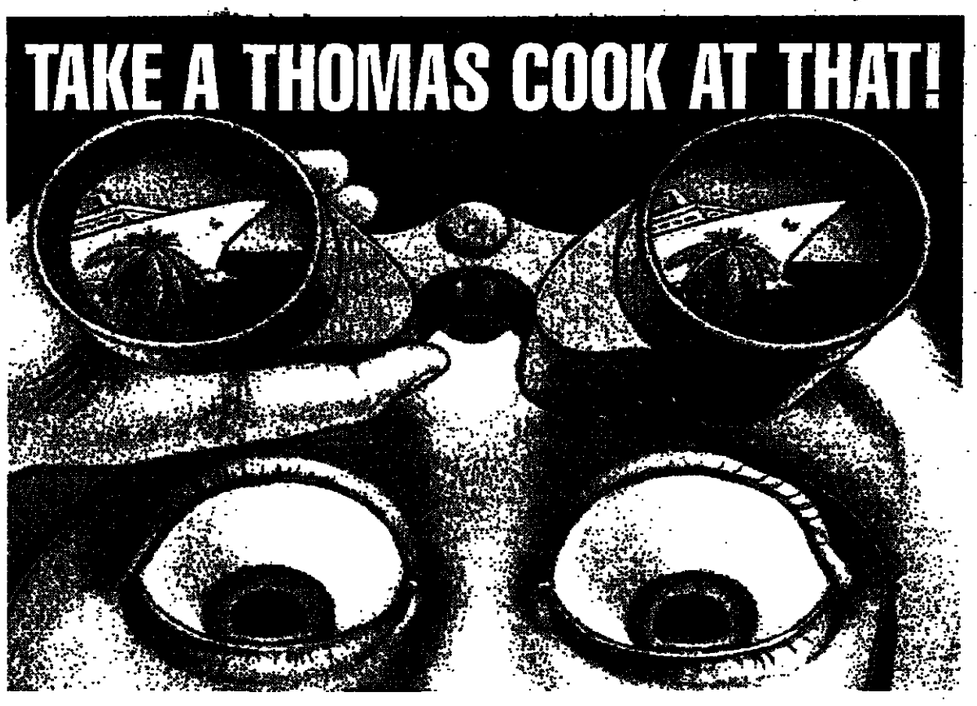
Mr O'Neill made famous the phrase "all politics is local" and he never forget his constituents and Irish working-class roots in Boston. His death coincides with the publication of his latest book of lore and anecdotes. His advice for would-be politicians includes: Always tip well and never appear at sporting events — "you are bound to be booed."

As a man who loved cigars, beer, baseball and cards, Mr O'Neill looked back wistfully to the time when he could make deals in smoke-filled back rooms. "Now all they want to talk about is saving the whales and abortion," he remarked.



O'Neill: an inspiring and effective Speaker

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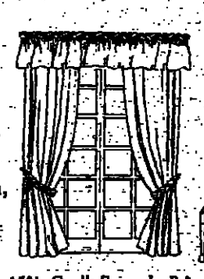
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Resignation of Washington official casts shadow over Clinton's first Nato summit

US pledges commitment to European security

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton Administration yesterday pledged its absolute commitment to the security of the new democracies of Central and Eastern Europe, but that promise was swiftly eclipsed by the resignation of a top State Department official over American policy in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Warren Zimmerman, a former US ambassador to Yugoslavia, became the fifth and most senior State Department official in 17 months to resign in protest, and his timing could not be worse.

His decision was announced in the run-up to President Clinton's first Nato summit in Brussels next Monday, which the Americans were hoping would concentrate on the alliance's future and not its impotence in Bosnia. The resignation also coincided with a major foreign-policy speech delivered on Mr Clinton's behalf by Al Gore, his Vice-President, in which he repeated twice that "the security of the states that lie between Nato and the former Soviet Union affects the security of America".

The effect of Mr Zimmerman's resignation was to remind the world of America's reluctance to intervene militarily in what the new Administration was describing less than a year ago as a crucial test of the post-Cold War world's willingness to confront aggression.

Mr Gore's speech, delivered in Milwaukee on behalf of the president, whose mother had died earlier in the day, was designed to reassure Europe of America's continuing commitment to its security despite a year of squabbling over Bosnia, trade and the administration's new courtship of Asia. "Nothing is more important to our security than our relations with Europe," he said.

NATO SUMMIT

The lesson of the 20th century was that "when Europe fights we suffer and when Europe is safe and free we thrive", he said. Europe was at a turning point — a time of great hope but with dark clouds on the horizon in the form of "fiery nationalism ignited by old resentments, fuelled by economic frustration, fanned by self-serving demagogues".

Unless the United States helped to promote free trade, open democracy and robust civic life to "lock in the end of the Cold War", Europe could again be engulfed in conflict. He urged West Europeans to open their markets to East Europeans.

Mr Gore went out of his way to reassure East Europeans, who will be offered much closer military links but not the protection of Nato's security umbrella under Washington's *Partnership for Peace*, due to be endorsed by the alliance next week.

He said East European states were naturally concerned about once more becoming "pieces of a buffer zone", particularly given the resurgence of reactionary forces in Russia, but the American plan did not "divide East and West in a way that could create a self-fulfilling prophecy of future confrontation". The best way of providing for their security was to encourage reform and build free markets and democracy throughout the whole of Europe. This was the objective Mr Clinton would pursue on his tour next week.

While in Moscow, Mr Clinton will urge President Yeltsin to speed up his economic reforms despite the success of Communists and ultra-nationalists in last month's Russian elections. This represents a sharp reversal of the tone the Administration adopted immediately after the elections.

Mr Clinton will still support measures to alleviate the human hardships of reform, but said the new slogan should be "more reform, more therapy". Officials said the shift reflected the view of American experts that the primary cause of Russia's economic pain was rampant inflation caused by the slow pace of reform. Mr Clinton will offer American help in building what he called a "safety net to deal with the consequences of reform", but the Administration is vague about the details.

☐ **Moscow:** Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the Russian ultra-nationalist, called Mr Clinton a coward and said he should stay at home and "play his saxophone" instead of visiting here. He also lambasted Toyko and said the Japanese should make peace with Moscow or face war. Japan refuses to sign a treaty to legalise the ending of the Second World War. *(AP/Reuter)*

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Vice-President Al Gore making yesterday's speech for Mr Clinton, whose mother has died. The speech aimed to reassure Europe of America's commitment to its security

Loan files kept secret by Clinton lawyers

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

IN YET another embarrassing revelation about President Clinton's alleged involvement in an Arkansas financial scandal, the White House admitted it handed over files to the Justice Department under a voluntary subpoena.

The move constitutes an attempt by White House lawyers to keep the documents secret. Under US law it is now illegal to leak files subject to a subpoena.

Republican leaders seized on the news with a renewed call for an independent counsel to investigate the bankruptcy of Madison Guaranty, an Arkansas savings and loan company. The firm was owned by James McDougal, a former business partner of the Clintons.

Robert Dole, the Senate minority leader, said yesterday: "I just believe that it has gotten out of hand now. It appears that the White House is running the investigation and not the Justice Department."

Despite the pressure, Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, remains opposed to the appointment of a special investigator.

Europe waits for reluctant giant to lead



Europe is not sure what to make of US assertions that the Continent remains a vital interest, writes ***Lawrence Freedman***

While in Europe for next week's Nato meeting, Bill Clinton will assert that the defence of democracy in Europe remains a vital interest of the United States and that alliance obligations are a priority.

The American garrison in Europe may be shrinking rapidly, eventually to barely a quarter of its Cold War strength, but its continued presence serves as an earnest of the Administrations's commitment.

However, the fundamental alliance commitment is unlikely to be activated in the coming years. Deterring Russian aggression does not for the moment present a great challenge. Questions of military strategy for the next world war hardly seem urgent. So Nato's impressive military structures risk redundancy. Uses can be found for them — to help in bringing up to scratch the armed forces of friendly states that are not Nato members or to facilitate peacekeeping operations — but these are secondary.

The key question for Nato is whether it has a major role to play in the reshaping of the European political map after the end of the Cold War. Is there a strategy for handling the turmoil in the Balkans and the upheavals within the former Soviet Union?

The present policy of sitting on the sidelines, dispensing advice, encouragement and occasional sustenance to those directly involved, puts no great demands on Nato. If it is to take a more active role, then that depends on American leadership.

However eloquent his words of reassurance, Mr Clinton will have a hard job persuading a European audience that he is interested in such a leadership role. Sceptics will point to the President's own apparent lack of interest in international affairs, the tendency to judge all foreign policies according to their domestic economic and political impact, unsubtle hints in Washington about the shift in attention from Europe to the Pacific, and the generally lacklustre performance of his Administration in the crises over Somalia, Bosnia, Haiti and North Korea.

The unhappy experience in Somalia, in particular, seems to have convinced the Administration that no serious risks must be taken in foreign policy. Assertions of American power therefore can be based on air strikes, but ground troops must not be put in harm's way.

This judgment, more than anything else, has bedevilled Atlantic relations over Bosnia. There is even a suspicion in Whitehall that the United States is actively discouraging the Muslims from accepting a settlement in Bosnia. This is not so much because it will be unjust but because after a settlement it will be hard to avoid the question of American participation in any Nato-organised implementation force.

Before deciding that it wanted to avoid any more interventions in messy civil wars, the Americans did agree to participate with 300 troops in a small deterrent force in Macedonia, which appears to have helped to avert a spread of the Balkans war: if the deterrent effect wears off, it will be interesting to see if Washington is prepared to provide reinforcements.

The most substantial issue facing the Alliance concerns relations with Russia. Here American policy is clear and has been confirmed with the appointment of Strobe Talbott as Deputy Secretary of State.

President Yeltsin has to be backed because the alternatives are too awful to contemplate. This means that nothing must be done in foreign policy to strengthen the hand of his hardline opponents. Pressure will be sustained on Ukraine to honour its promise to destroy the elements of the Soviet nuclear arsenal left on its territory and Central Europeans will be told that this is not the right time for them to join Nato.

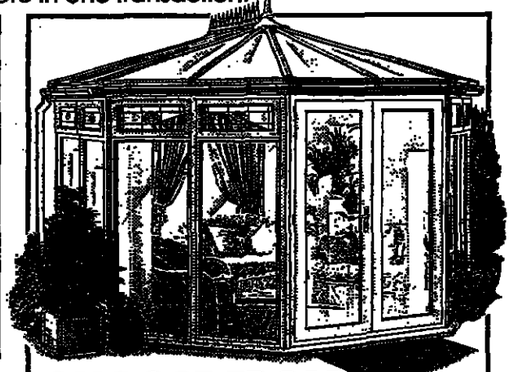
This will leave the West European states having to reassure those caught between them and Russia that their interests will not always be subordinated to an American desire to strengthen the domestic position of the Moscow "moderates", a category that is starting to include all those who are not crudely totalitarian and anti-Western. If the East European situation does start to get more tense, that could produce sharp transatlantic disagreements over security policy that could immobilise the alliance.

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Russians revel in the return of Christmas

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

IT IS Christmas Day here today. Russians are gathering in their homes for family celebrations, skiing through the fresh snow that blankets the land or at parties and theatres to enjoy the public holiday in the first time for more than three-quarters of a century that the state is officially marking the Russian Orthodox Christmas.

Yesterday evening hundreds of thousands of people packed into churches for services and the all-night liturgy. The 160 churches in Moscow, many glittering in splendid restoration, were filled not just with old women, as in the dark years of communism, but with students, soldiers and government officials. By special decree, the Moscow Metro continued running until after 2am to allow people to get home after church.

Strict believers yesterday began the traditional 40-day fast, especially rigorous on Christmas Eve when canonical law permits the eating only of wheat grains saturated with water until the evening star appears. Patriarch Aleksi of Moscow and All Russia celebrated divine liturgy at the Epithany Cathedral and the main television channel broadcast the service.

Yesterday it snowed heavily over much of European Russia, leaving a picturesque white covering and encouraging many people to head for their warm, wooden country cottages or put on their cross-country skis. Every seat was sold for the Bolshoi Ballet's traditional performance of *The Nutcracker*.

Russians have greeted the official restoration of Christmas with enthusiasm, although since the Bolsheviks switched to the Gregorian calendar in 1918 Christmas falls on January 7, just as Western nations have reached Epiphany. One newspaper yesterday revived the old game of fortune-telling on Christmas Eve with instructions how to use either rings, dogs, chickens, logs, books, mirrors or wax. Yuri Luzhkov, the Mayor of Moscow, has tried to restore other half-forgotten traditions, and decreed that fairs and performances should be held in the city next week. At 1pm today there will be official celebrations around a huge Christmas tree near Red Square and traditional food and souvenirs will be on sale behind St Basil's Cathedral. A week-long fair will begin in the city centre.

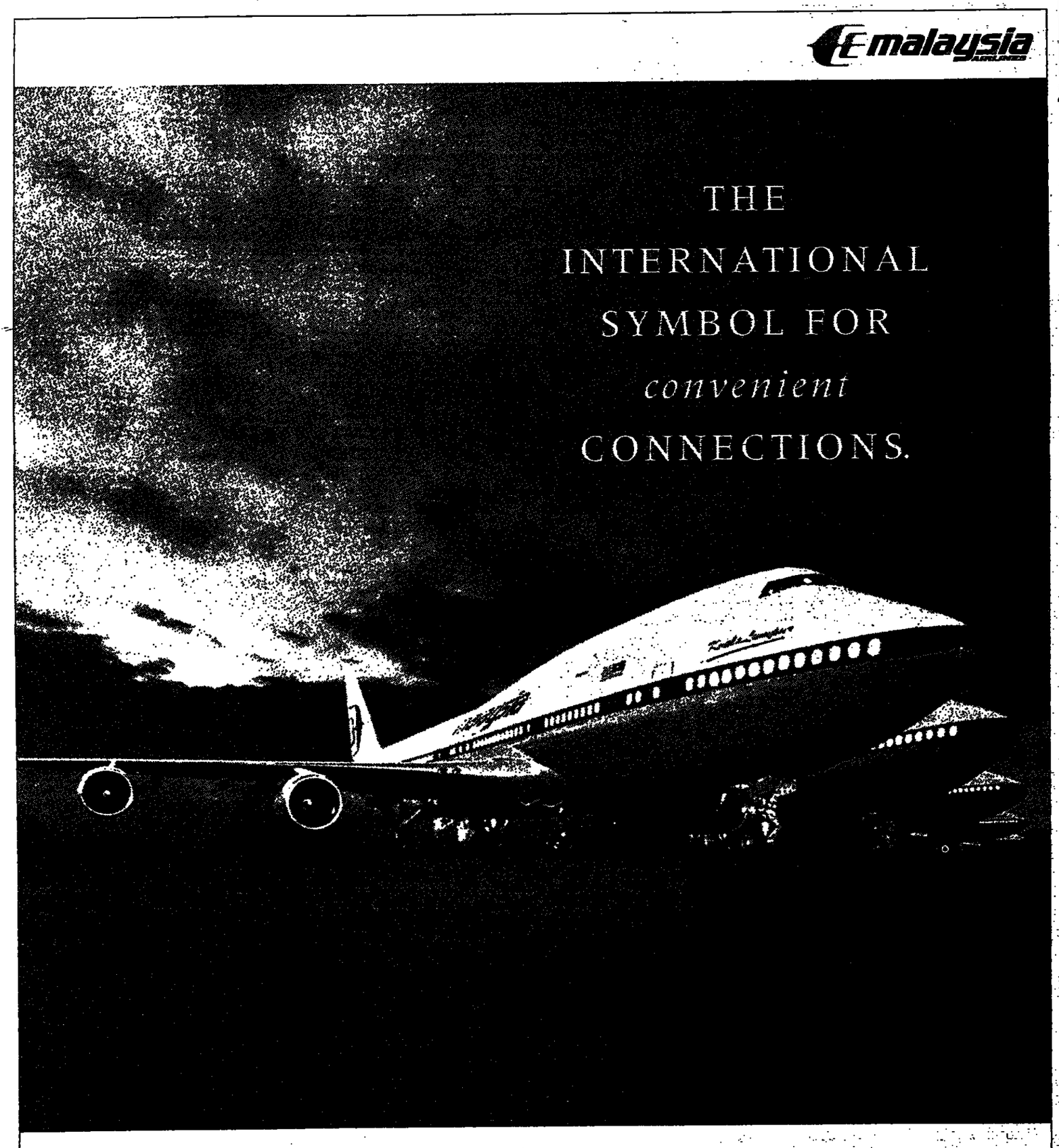
Since Christmas week will overlap with the opening of the new parliament, the occasion will also see a sprinkling of political demonstrations. Four hardline anti-reform parties are planning open air meetings on Sunday, and the Russian Workers' Communist Party, whose leader is now in prison for his part in last October's parliamentary uprising, will rally the faithful in a sports stadium on Tuesday.

Christmas has also brought the usual rash of crime and alcoholic excess. A Father Frost, hired to entertain children on the Far Eastern island of Sakhalin, suffered second-degree burns after setting his beard on fire in a drunken stupor. Russian children, unable to wait for Christmas, now normally receive presents at New Year, and hundreds of other Father Frosts, in the traditional red robes, are now recovering from their tours of housing estates where they were offered a warming drink in each flat and had to be helped to stagger home by the demure Snow Maidens who act as their unofficial minders.

Illegal Christmas tree felling brings the seasonal battle with state authorities. In Ukraine, after 1,000 firs were cut down in 1992 in Dnepropetrovsk, fines of 1 million karbovantsi (£20 or three times the average monthly salary) were imposed for cutting trees. Further north in Belorussia, however, there was less theft: most of the trees are still radioactive from the Chernobyl accident.



A Russian farmer sells a villager at Medvezhiy Ozera, northwest of Moscow, a pig's head, a traditional meal on last night's Orthodox Christmas Eve, in the first state-recognised celebrations since the revolution



Shevardnadze grants Tbilisi burial for rival

■ Convinced that Zviad Gamsakhurdia is really dead, Eduard Shevardnadze is turning his full attention to finding a solution to the breakaway conflict in Abkhazia

BY MICHAEL BINYON

ZVIAD Gamsakhurdia's reported suicide was of no great importance since he had long been a political corpse, Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader, claimed yesterday.

He added, however, that he would rather the nationalist former President, who failed in his attempt to fight his way back to power, had remained alive. It was for this reason that the Georgian leadership had not attempted physically to destroy him and his supporters.

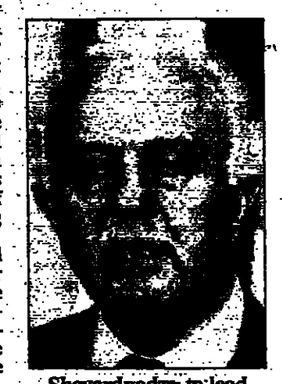
Mr Shevardnadze's remarks came as government troops and investigators tried to discover the real circumstances of Mr Gamsakhurdia's death, which has been denied by several of his supporters. Others say he did not take his own life but was killed in a gunfight in Chechenia, the rebel Russian autonomous republic across the Caucasus mountains where he had been in exile since 1992.

The former President's wife, Manana, told Interfax news agency on Wednesday that her husband had killed himself in western Georgia last Friday after the failure of his latest comeback attempt. Tass quoted Mr Gamsakhurdia's press service as saying that he had made a statement several minutes before his death in which he said: "[I] commit this act in sound mind, as an act of protest against the existing regime in Georgia."

Mr Shevardnadze appeared yesterday to be certain that Mr Gamsakhurdia was dead. He has been asked by Mrs Gamsakhurdia and Chechen officials to grant a burial in the family plot in Tbilisi beside the former President's father, Konstantine, a distinguished novelist. The Georgian leader agreed to the request, saying he could "see no problems" if Mr Gamsakhurdia's family wanted him buried in Tbilisi.

In some ways the death eases the political pressure on Mr Shevardnadze, who was accused by Mr Gamsakhurdia's supporters of being a usurper. But others said yesterday that opposition to Mr Shevardnadze might now be increased and become a more open conflict with nationalists and dissidents from western Georgia.

Mr Shevardnadze himself is presently preoccupied with the breakaway northwestern area of Abkhazia, where Georgian forces suffered a humiliating defeat last autumn. Yesterday he was preparing to lead a march across the Inguri river into the territory, as proof of Georgia's will to settle the conflict there. In a television speech aimed mainly at the United Nations, he said his people were ready to rise up to secure Georgia's unity and integrity.



Shevardnadze: to lead march into Abkhazia

Moscow secret trial stirs public anger

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN MOSCOW

THE trial of a Russian scientist charged with revealing state secrets after he published an article on Russian chemical weapons production began behind closed doors in Moscow yesterday, despite press and popular protests.

Vil Mirzayanov, 59, was arrested after publishing an article in the weekly *Moscow News* on September 20, 1992, claiming that Russia was continuing to produce chemical weapons secretly, in violation of international agreements. If found guilty, Mr Mirzayanov could be jailed for two to five years, according to Article 75.1 of the penal code.

Yesterday *Moscow News* "demanded" on its front page "a halt to the persecution of Vil Mirzayanov". It called on the judiciary to "put an end to the dishonest game of those who are nostalgic about their lost power", referring to the military-industrial complex inherited from the former Soviet Union. A defence committee formed to support Mr Mirzayanov also denounced the "unbalanced" preliminary investigation, which it said was led by the former KGB State Security Ministry and based on documents provided by the military-industrial complex. The committee also condemned the decision to conduct the trial in secret.



American envoys demand war crimes exhumation of Vukovar grave believed to hold Serbs' victims

UN seeks to investigate mass murder of Croats

BY TIM JUDAH, BALKANS CORRESPONDENT, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

London: Britain and Canada yesterday expressed growing concern for the safety of their peacekeeping troops in Bosnia after the disclosure that a Canadian contingent had been captured, held briefly and threatened by Bosnian Serbs. Jean Chrétien, the visiting Canadian Prime Minister, discussed the situation with John Major and afterwards again hinted that Canada might withdraw its troops. (AFP)

MADELEINE Albright, the American ambassador to the United Nations, yesterday demanded that UN war crimes investigators be allowed to exhume a mass grave close to the devastated Croatian town of Vukovar. After visiting the grave, believed to contain the remains of almost 200 Croats, she said: "It is very important for the world to know and understand the horror that has been happening in this war."

On returning to Zagreb, Peter Galbraith, the American ambassador to Croatia, said that Serb officials "certainly admitted to atrocities". He said that Goran Hadzic, a local Serb leader, "in fact said that they would be prepared to turn over the people who committed atrocities".

Mrs Albright's statements had earlier drawn a furious response. "We have nothing to hide," said Branko Filipovic, a senior official of the Foreign Ministry of the self-declared Republic of Serbian Krajina. "The UN can begin excavating there when they agree to simultaneously dig up the 85 mass graves containing Serbs."

Vukovar fell to Serb forces after a bloody three-month siege in November 1991. Ovcara, the site visited by Mrs Albright, has since become infamous as it is believed to contain the bodies of wounded Croatian soldiers killed after Vukovar fell. Mr Galbraith also said that local Serbs "did not deny that Serbs or the Yugoslav army were responsible for it (Ovcara)".

As Serb forces moved into Vukovar, they prevented delegates of the International Committee of the Red Cross from entering its hospital. The wounded inside vanished but it is widely believed that they had been taken out by a back door. One man who claimed to have survived the subsequent massacre said that they were taken to a nearby sheep farm and then killed.

UN investigators have made preliminary excavations at the Ovcara site. It is a slight depression in the corner of a muddy field and is guarded by Russian troops. "It is a great tragedy that human beings would end their lives in what is ultimately a garbage dump," said Mrs Albright. "The people of the world, the United States, need to know what this is about. It has to be investigated by the war crimes tribunal, which is beginning to work in The Hague."

On December 9, Slobodan Jarcevic, the Krajina Foreign Minister, wrote to the UN Security Council alleging that Argentine UN troops working with the Croats had conspired to cover up a mass grave containing Serbs in western Slavonia by exhuming and removing bodies.

Yesterday in Sarajevo three people died and 39 were injured in some of the heaviest fighting for months, hospital and mortuary officials said. Government troops and Serbs fought for the city's old Jewish cemetery, an important front line between the opposing forces. As Serb artillery shells whistled overhead, about 50 mourners buried a Muslim family of six, including two children, who were killed on Monday when their apartment was shelled. Ivan Ilic, Croatia's ambassador to Germany, said yesterday that Zagreb will present new proposals for peace in Bosnia at a summit in Bonn with President Izetbegovic of Bosnia this weekend. Mr Ilic declined to specify exactly what proposals President Tudjman will make when he meets Mr Izetbegovic, international mediators, and Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, tomorrow. Mr Ilic said that the new proposals were linked to two days of talks in Vienna this week between the Croatian and Bosnian negotiators that produced a plan for a ceasefire on all the front lines in central Bosnia. Agreement in Bonn appears vital for progress to be made at full-scale negotiations scheduled for Geneva on January 18 with Bosnia's dominant force, the Bosnian Serbs.

Viktor Ivancic, editor-in-chief of *Feral Tribune*, one of the few independent newspapers in Croatia, has been arrested for allegedly refusing to report for a Croatian military call-up, his colleagues said in a statement yesterday. Croatian officials at the Defence Ministry were not immediately available for comment.



Madeleine Albright, US ambassador to the UN, with Peter Galbraith, US ambassador to Croatia, in Vukovar yesterday

Husband to be released after 31-year jail term

Jerusalem: An 81-year-old man, sent to jail 31 years ago for refusing to grant his wife a divorce, could be freed soon because he is no longer capable of saying yes, an Israeli newspaper said yesterday.

The husband, Yehi Eliahu, has become senile and a rabbinical judge has recommended his release, *Yediot Aharonot* reported. Eliahu was jailed by a rabbinical court, which handles divorce in Israel, nine years after he spurned his wife's request. Under ritual Jewish law a marriage can be ended only with the husband's consent.

Rabbinical judges sometimes jail husbands for unlimited terms in an attempt to force them into agreeing to a divorce. *(Reuter)*

Togo plot foiled

Lomé: Gunmen attacked the armoured car of President Eyadema before a shoot-out left 40 dead at an army camp close to his residence, according to presidential sources. He was not in the car and at least 10 of the assailants were killed during the gunbattle. *(AFP)*

Deneuve award

Paris: Catherine Deneuve was awarded £10,700 in punitive damages, plus interest, against a showbiz gossip magazine that had published candid photos of her without her consent. *Voici* will also have to carry a front-page apology to the actress. *(AFP)*

Envoy held

Karlsruhe: A German ambassador has been arrested on suspicion of spying for the former East Germany. The federal prosecutor identified him as "Rainer M"; *Bild Zeitung* said that the suspect was Rainer Müller, who is Bonn's ambassador in Gabon. *(Reuter)*

Somalia post

Kuala Lumpur: A Malaysian officer, General Aboo Samah Aboo Bakar, has been appointed commander of the United Nations peacekeeping operations in Somalia. On January 20 he will replace the present commander, who is Turkish. *(Reuter)*

Killer sought

Bangalore: Police have intensified their hunt for a serial killer who has confessed to strangling 23 women and is suspected of killing six more in Tamil Nadu State, in southern India, after escaping from prison last November. *(AFP)*

Activists freed

Lagos: Ken Saro-Wiwa, a renowned Nigerian minority rights activist, and two of his colleagues representing the ethnic Ogoni people have been freed after spending several days in detention, according to press reports. *(AFP)*

Sting in lead

New York: Sting and Billy Joel led the Grammy award nominations announced by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, each gaining nominations for album, record and song of the year. *(Reuter)*



Mercouri ready to take on Hollywood

Mercouri prepares for Elgin battle

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN ATHENS

GREECE is to use its presidency of the European Union to gather fresh support from other member governments to persuade Britain to return the Elgin Marbles, now in the British Museum.

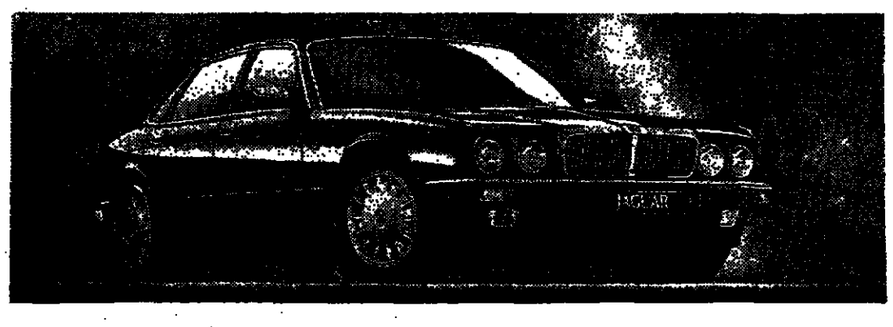
Melina Mercouri, the Greek Culture Minister, who has been campaigning for the return of the reliefs, taken from the Parthenon by Lord Elgin between 1802 and 1812, told a news conference yesterday that she had no intention of giving up her fight. "I don't like to lose a battle," she said.

Miss Mercouri, who has just been reappointed by the recently elected Socialist government to the job she held in the 1980s, said the European Union was developing joint policies on the defence of national heritage that would help her case. "With the cultural heritage aspect being developed, it will probably be easier for the marbles to come back to my wonderful museum," she said.

Britain, she said, had always stipulated that any return of the marbles would require them to be protected against Athens's often corrosive air pollution. She said the Greek government, with the help of grants from Brussels, had now built a "huge exhibition room" that at the moment lay "nude and unclothed" awaiting the return of the marbles.

Not content with taking on Britain, Miss Mercouri, a former actress who achieved fame in *Never On Sunday*, yesterday vowed to fight Hollywood's domination of the European cinema. "We have to have a very strong fight in favour of the [European] film industry, our language ... our European ideal," she said in her new capacity as leader of the EU's culture ministers for the next six months.

She said she regretted the failure of trade negotiators to include audiovisual issues in the recent General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade talks (Gatt).



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Discreet charm of the aristocracy

Two centuries after the Revolution, the snob appeal of a noble name has never been greater.

Charles Bremner, in Paris, reports on the smart set who are now desperate to find titles

Imagine you are a smart Paris antique dealer. You already have a town house and a place in the country, but you sorely lack one vital attribute which could lift your business and social life onto a higher plane. The yearned-for item is far smaller than a Range Rover. It consists of just two letters — DE. Attaching de to your surname, or a *particule* as it is called, is the surest way of implying membership of the old upper classes, a tribe now enjoying higher esteem in France than it has for decades.

Two centuries after the Revolution sent Louis and Marie-Antoinette to the guillotine along with much of the nobility, and 145 years since the expulsion of the last king, reverence for the *ancien régime* abounds. Take a few symptoms. Thousands of royalists turned out in Paris last year for the bicentennial commemorations of the regicide, an event which launched five bestsellers and a theatre show on Marie-Antoinette. The TV soap opera of the year was *Le Château des Oliviers*, a tale of an impoverished modern chatelaine; the biggest film of the year, and also in French history, was *Les Visiteurs*, a comedy featuring a medieval seigneur set loose in the 1990s. Last month, commoners flocked to an exhibition of royal tableware at Versailles as the real upper crust attended the first full-blown débutantes' ball seen in Paris for decades.

"Little by little people are understanding what the *noblesse* was under the *ancien régime*," says Count Jean de Bodinat. "*La noblesse* is valued for its sense of tradition, its spiritual and moral values. People are getting away from the stereotypes about châteaux and riches." The count is a key figure in the business of separating the titled sheep from the wannabe goats. He heads the Commission of Proofs of the Association d'Entraide de la Noblesse Française, which rigorously vets titles for authenticity.

The sociologists have various explanations for the prestige of the old-world *noblesse*. The discrediting of the Mitterrand "monarchy" and the demise of the long supremacy of left-wing thought is a large factor. Mixed with that is the nostalgia, driven by recession and doubts over national identity, for the rural France of old.

The arrival of the patrician Edouard Balladur and his Gaullist government last year has given new glory to high society and the bourgeois culture. The old-world establishment is back in the driving seat, promoting its own from the old-money networks that haunt the two most exclusive clubs, the Jockey and the Interallié. The government is crawling with particuled officials and staffers. One magazine counted 36 officials, ranging from Baron Hervé de Charette de la Contrie, minister of housing, to Yves Thibault de Silguy, a scion of 14th-century nobility, who advises M Balladur on European affairs and who headed strategy for negotiations in the Gatt trade accord, the force which France saw as a threat to its old ways. In the post '68 years, young counts and marquesses would often disguise their titles and *particules*. Now they flaunt them along with their signet rings and Lobb shoes. Titles and particuled names, which equate roughly to old squiredoms, are powerful door-openers in the business world, especially in banking, public relations, and the luxury retail trade.



The real thing: Chanel model, Inès de la Fressange

"The aristocracy retains an unbreakable suspicion of the factory because it has never got over missing out on the industrial revolution," notes Michel Pincon, a sociologist and author of a book on the phenomenon. Even in fashion and the media, titles are a boon. Inès de la Fressange, the Chanel spokesmodel, is the real thing while Patrick Poivre d'Arvor, the country's star newscaster, was simply M Poivre (Pepper) until he hooked the extension onto his name, to commemorate a beloved grandfather, he says.

Inevitably, the real upper crust and *les gens bien*, as the higher social orders call themselves, are appalled by the vulgar *vilains* who affect a grandeur to which they are not entitled. "It is shameful," says Dominique Solane, a well-to-do lawyer's wife. "*Les gens bien* find it ridiculous. If someone has added a *particule*, word immediately goes around." However, quite an industry has developed of late, with discreet outfits arranging the deal for thousands of pounds. But France's ferociously legalistic republic is strict about the changing of names and laying claim to titles, even minor baronetcies and lords of manors. The simplest name-change requires permission from the Prime Minister after investigation by the justice ministry. The state recognises titles and you can enoble yourself only if you can prove letters patent from the king and descent through the male line. "If you want to buy a title, go to England," the justice ministry advises.

Loopholes exist, however. You can add a "de" with a place name if you can prove that your family wore it for a century. Since the great Terror encouraged much of the landed gentry and minor nobles to forget their *particules*, the field is rich. After the First World War, a law allowed citizens to take on the name of fallen soldiers if there were no other descendants. This enabled the Giscard family, to adopt "d'Estaing", but only after failing in a first attempt which would have made the last president Valéry Giscard de la Tour-Fondue (Melted Tower).

The surest path these days is to have yourself adopted in return for paying an annuity to an elderly and heirless nobleman, a course which is not legal unless you can claim some connection. A Paris property developer was mocked last month after his wife told a magazine how life had become hell when they took in an old nobleman plus his cats as a lodger for the sake of his title.

Even if you have changed your name and given your children the requisite fashionable noble names such as Louis, Thibault, Victoire or Adelaide, you are not guaranteed a place in the social château because exposing phoney titles and *particules* has become a cottage industry. The field is led by Pierre-Marie Dioudonnat, a historian and scourge of the parvenu who publishes the *Encyclopedia of False and Apparent Nobility*. This three-volume bible for snobs deliciously lists the antecedents of 6,000 pseudo-nobles, identified after elaborate research. M Dioudonnat says that lawyers and notaries top the 15,000 modern pretenders.

Le Comte de Bodinat, whose association catalogues the 3,000 true blue families in an annual directory, looks at things from another angle. "We are not in the business of hunting down families that are not true nobles. We are only interested in *la noblesse authentique*." He receives requests from some 500 people, representing 60 families, per year and rejects many of them. He also makes a distinction between the *noblesse d'apparence*, those particuled families "who were on the verge of entering the aristocracy on the eve of the Revolution," and the modern frauds. "It's much more complicated than in England," he says.

'Johnners' had a language of his own

The man who spoke cricket

BRIAN JOHNSTON had one of the best-known voices around the world, outside those benighted regions that do not speak cricket. "Johnners" had cracked the simple secret in the broadcasting age of chatting into a microphone as though it were sitting at ease on a deckchair beside him, rather than addressing it coldly and nervously as a mass media meeting. But he also deployed instantly recognisable accent, style and slang that made him a surrogate chum for millions, even those cads and bounders who did not consider cricket a substitute for politics, literature and religion.

Every articulate and literate human being has a particular way with language, known as his or her idiolect, which is distinct from the speech of all other users and abusers of that language. Public entertainers often build their success on their linguistic idiosyncrasy. Sometimes this can be a single phrase, such as, "It's that man again!", or, deeply naff, "Nice to see you: to see you nice." The idiolect of other stars can be far more complex.



PHILIP HOWARD

Groucho Marx was someone with a pronounced idiolect. The mad metaphysics and puns of what he said, and the accents in which he spoke, were what made Groucho, as much as that lubricious leer, the wagging, shaggy eyebrows and the constipated grasshopper stalk.

The Johnners idiolect was similarly strong in sound, style and content. The accents were unashamedly those of an upper-middle-class gent of a bygone age, as if he was off to dine at the Drones Club in Wodehouseland after stumps, certainly with Champers, but not vulgar Shampoo. The slang was schoolboy, a pungent mix from his prepper, Temple Grove, where one of his reports observed that he "talks too much in school", or Eton, the Grenadiers, and the old music hall, which he loved.

His delight in bad puns, innuendoes about private parts and silly-mid-off malapropisms were overgrown schoolboy who refused to grow up. There lay their Peter Pan charm. Shakespeare, too, recognised the eternal appeal of such groudling language despised by the solemn and the high-minded.

Johnners was the commentator who once told his audience, "Ray Illingworth has just relieved himself at the Pavilion End". Cricket terminology is rich in double entendres with its balls and boxes.

Johnners again, on Peter Pollock, the South African bowler who had twisted his ankle: "Bad luck on Peter. He's obviously in great pain. It's especially bad luck as he is here on his honeymoon with his pretty young wife. Still, he'll probably be all right tomorrow if he sticks it up tonight." And again, when Glenn Turner was hit on the box by the fifth ball of an over: "It looks as if he's going to try and continue... Very plucky of him — one ball left."

But the most noticeable idiom in the Johnners idiolect, whence came his nickname, was his use of what students of slang term the "Oxford-*er(s)*". This linguistic practice flourished at Oxford in the 1930s, when Johnston was up at New College, having jokes and reading history. By this process, the original word is changed and generally abridged, and then *-er* is added as an all-purpose suffix. So "memorial" becomes *memugger*, the Radcliffe Camera becomes *the Radder*, Addison's Walk, *Adders*, and, in a hat-trick of the -ers suffix, a wastepaper basket became a *wagger-pagger-bagger*. According to the *Oxford English Dictionary*, the slang was imported into Oxford from Rugby School in 1875. This is disputed by some Rugbeians.

The linguistic trick spread like bindweed into general upper-middle-class slang, and thence into that of the Services, particularly of the Royal Navy, or Jackspeak. With Harry in front of it, as a meaningless prefix, as in *Harry flakers* (from *flaked out*) meaning seriously exhausted, and *Harry screechers* or *shriekers* denoting drunk, the Oxford-*ers* suffix had an afterlife almost until today.

No student at Oxford or any other university has used such daft slang for 50 years. It is obsolete and absurd. The jokes were puerile and rude. But because he loved what he was doing, Johnners changed the language and sent it up.

This would have made him giggle, but he had more influence on the native tongue than most professors of English. Next summer, with the South Africans but without him, is going to be linguistically jejune. And I do not wish to hear your malaprop about that, Johnners.



ALVA BERNADINE

Brian Redhead loves life at the centre. "News is exciting: in his headlong, know-it-all, humming, maddening, hand-rubbing manner, he is exciting too"

Life without Brian is not quite the same

Libby Purves proposes a fitting send-off for the man listeners love and ministers hate

The muffled, heartfelt cry sounding this Christmas, around the Radio 4 *Today* editorial office was "He can't go like this!" It was echoed by the broader community of us who once shared that quarrelsome, chirpy, hectic morning world.

Everyone knew Brian Redhead was leaving in March: we had followed the soap-opera of his retirement, heard of his proposal to take holy orders and his Mr Toad-like joy when he got his theology reading list and discovered that "the first two books on it were written by me". We looked forward to his closing programmes: the last spat with a government minister, the last *faux-naif* question, the last elegant tweak of the knife in John Humphrys' ribs, and the last outbreak of audible glee at being first up in the morning with a damn good story to tell.

He was entitled, after 20 years, to a proper sunset. But just before Christmas he collapsed, spent the holiday in grave danger and only came out of intensive care on Wednesday amid speculation that he might never be well enough to come back. Hence the dismay: great stories need great ends, and hospitalised frailty is not at all a suitable conclusion for Brian Redhead's *Today* career.

A formal radio farewell was the least he was due: indeed some of us would have liked something wilder. He should have been punched on the nose by an irate Tory Chancellor, for example; or wrestled to the ground in the hospitality room by a Home Secretary he had teased once too often, or by a young producer whose callow instructions he had loftily ignored ("I'm the only real journalist on this programme," he used to say in his playful, *Manchester-Guardian*-veteran way, severely testing the sense of humour of the young lions). Or perhaps he could have been assumed into Heaven while arguing with a roomful of bishops, or just vanished into the labyrinth of one of his own long questions, leaving only a beard and a grin like the Cheshire Cat he was.

And, thank God, still is. If I know the man, he will not go quietly into retirement. When I rang the *Today* editor, Roger Mosey, I detected a similar determination that Redhead will be back in his chair at 06.29 for a few days at the very least, even if they have to strap him up like El Cid on his charger. Junior ministers, like El Cid's Moorish enemies, would still panic at the sight of him, even with a drip in his arm. Anyway, he is no stranger to the betrayals of the body. This man is 64, diabetic, awaiting a hip replacement, and has been shackled to a punishing regime of 4am starts for at least three days a week for more than two decades.

I shared those mornings with him for three-and-a-half years a decade ago, and after several hours of thinking, scribbling, absorbing instant briefs on every country in the world, watching the clock, wriggling out of disasters and soaking up revolting coffee, we felt terrible. Indeed, Brian and I used to say, over the nine o'clock whisky and Marmite-toast, that if any normal person felt like we did they would go to the doctor. I got out at 32 — partly to have a family, partly because I kept wanting to slap politicians — and was amazed at how much healthier I felt. John Timpson left in his fifties; that the third of our triumvirate should be still at it is a constant source of amazement. Although it should not be, to anyone who has sat next to him.

Redhead at *Today* is a square peg in the squarest of holes. He has a real affection for politicians, their energy and childlike self-belief reflecting his own. At the same time he is a natural explainer and revels in being the boy who spots the emperor's nakedness. So he speaks for the layman without tiring of the company of public people: he was never happier than on those interminable Election night broadcasts, hailing every has-been old ex-minister and chippy backbencher as an old clubmate.

When Nigel Lawson famously lost his temper in 1987 and accused him of being a lifelong Labourite, Brian's outrage was genuine: whatever he voted, he would never be any party's guaranteed ally. Anyway, Denis Healey had savaged him not many years earlier, and I once heard even David Steel come perilously close to slamming down the phone. Brian Redhead's Dad used to be a boxer, and his son does love a scuffle.

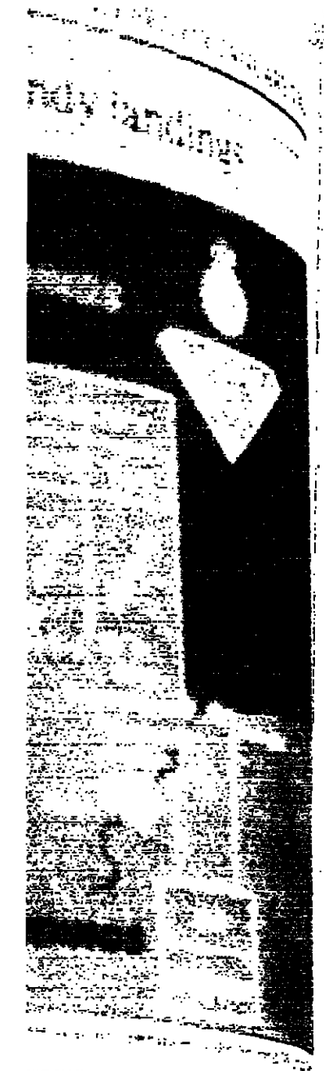
His other gift is unfading delight in the speed of news. A *Today* presenter has a unique, wonderful position in journalism: you do none of the overnight graft, but are ushered into the story just on the crest of the wave, a jump ahead of the nation while the sun comes up. Sometimes the glee gets the better of him: as in his legendary admission that he looked forward to air shows because there might be a crash. I have sat next to him myself the morning after an overnight disaster, and furiously scrawled on his script "Brian, people are DEAD out there". He took it meekly, merely saying "Yes, oh dear, I must tone it down".

He is not heartless: it is just that for him, the excitement never fades into dismay and depression at the grief of the world. Listening to more portentous, "caring" presenters, you can find yourself relishing that. News is exciting: in his headlong, know-it-all, humming, maddening, hand-rubbing manner. Brian Redhead is exciting too. He loves life at the centre: none of us can forget his message from a Commonwealth Conference when Lord Carrington was Foreign Secretary, and some international crisis broke. Brian came on the air with the words "I told Peter Carrington and he was just as shocked as I was".

There were many office imitations of his style, usually beginning "Was talking to a lady the other day — it was the Queen, actually..." It was a tribute: like the fact that one producer reports that her baby's first words were an anguished "Oh BRI-AN!". He had heard her moan it at the radio so often, during the dawn feed.

Brian Redhead is an institution, a one-off, a card. He must have his period of swan-song at dawn, just as soon as he is well enough. The nation demands it.

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THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

PETER TRIEVNOR



Confronting the frontiers of biology: Diana Brittan herself made a conscious decision not to have a late baby



SIR Leon Brittan, and his wife Diana — he the hero of Gatt, she the deputy chairman of HFEA — live a life in suitcases. From the Brittans' Brussels flat she flies in to London, leaving Sir Leon, due in from Athens before departing for Poland, a plate of lasagne in the microwave.

Hours later she arrives at their "cupboard-sized" London flat — athletic, long-legged, quite unflustered — having dictated a newspaper article on the Heathrow bus. This morning at the Human Fertility and Embryology Authority headquarters, she and Professor Sir Colin Campbell will deliver their consultative paper to a world waiting to hear just how far fertility clinics will be permitted to tamper with the creation of human life.

The rash of stories — the 59-year-old mother of twins, racial choice in donor eggs, the possibility of taking eggs from aborted foetuses — has thrust before us the HFEA's 11 women and ten men who confront the brave new frontiers of human biology. They include scientists and bishops, Penelope Keith, Liz Forgan, Rabbi Julia Neuberger, and the competent and witty Lady Brittan, whose voice anyone would welcome on a committee.

Diana Brittan belongs to that generation of women, educated at a boarding school without a thought of university. So she found herself in her forties, daughters grown up, with energy and intelligence in need of a purpose beyond creative gardening in the Britnans' Yorkshire home.

Perhaps the temporary eclipse of Leon Brittan after Westland was the making of his wife. "Any trauma in one's life has its benefits," she says. "If your marriage is strong, it gets stronger. It tells you who your friends are. It makes you fall back on your own resources as a couple — and political life is always based on partnerships. Politics is also difficult, *passionnant*, and chancy. Disaster nearly always hits somewhere and your confidence is deeply bruised but if you have a 'can do' philosophy you survive." (Mrs Yeo, she mused, would be feeling jolly hurt and furious: "Tory support ebbs away very fast: in Leon's case it was the 1922 committee, in Margaret Thatcher's it was the Cabinet; in this case it is the constituency, which means you are fairly doomed.")

It made her want to do things in her own right. "In *male-dominated politics a wife* has to be even tougher to do what she wants to do." Her interest in public life was kindled; she became a magistrate on the City of London bench, and joined the Equal Opportunities Commission, though reluctant at first "because I felt I had very little to offer". But it taught her to value her own, and other women's, abilities: diplomacy, tact, ability to ask questions. "One of the differences between men and women," she says, "is that women are very honest about their shortcomings and men are not. A woman will say, why *me*? and a man will say why *not* me? I think I learnt to say, about myself, *why not me?*" So when invited to be deputy chairman of the HFEA, she said, why not? Here was a fascinating subject, the origins of life itself; a new and challenging authority, the first of its kind in the world; a group of people thrown together in August 1991 with a blank sheet of paper to draw up a licensing system, an information register and a code of practice at top speed.

The authority, with its 120 clinics, has already deliberated many sensitive issues (like surrogacy, cloning, and selection of sex — permissible only for medical not social reasons "We were quite robust about that: it is fundamental to the good of society") but today's paper is perhaps the most challenging yet, inviting the public to decide on the ethics of using ovarian tissue from foetuses — speculative, since it is not yet scientifically possible (and anyway how can an aborted foetus ever give *informed consent?*) and whether post-menopausal women should be allowed to have fertility treatment.

All their ethical and legal guidelines are rooted in the reality of human misery: that one in six couples has difficulty in conceiving after two years. Men are less fertile than their great-grandfathers, and as for women, delay is the risk: "The one salient factor in fertility is age."

Ah, age. Lady Brittan wonders why the French have leapt in to disallow treatment for women *d'un certain age* (ignoring women who have a premature menopause) and while she questions the view that every woman of any age has the right to have a baby, she puts prejudice aside because every case in British clinics is considered according to the guidelines and code of practice. In fact, fewer than a dozen women over 50 have been treated in this country with IVF, and nobody over 52.

She herself made a conscious decision not to have a late baby. When she met Leon Brittan in his Yorkshire constituency in 1973, she was married with two young daughters. She left Yorkshire for London in 1977 (but remains on extremely cordial terms with her ex-husband, who joins them for Christmas). She took a job, her first since leaving school, as managing editor of a technical press agency in Fleet Street. On the day she married Leon Brittan in 1980 (with a reception at 11 Downing Street, hosted by the Howes) there was a Cabinet reshuffle; Leon was catapulted into the Treasury. "Life was unutterably changed, she says. "Stepping into political life is like being hit by a hurricane."

Did he want children? "I think it was perhaps I who felt that, as I was already 41, and *tempus fugit* and my daughters were teenagers, it was not right; and he was very understanding. It was a hard decision but I didn't feel ready and able to cope, somehow, with that and the political life. Maybe if I had my time again I would do it differently." So, like many family trees, theirs has dwindled; her grandfather was one of 17. Sir Leon has no relatives left — just him and his brother Samuel, both childless.

"My mother, who is a splendid woman, used to tell me 'there is a gene in your father's family that produces bad mothers'. I was not absolutely sure that mothering was my role in life — I don't greatly empathise with babies, if I pick up a baby it tends to howl. But I enjoyed their growing up, and we have a very good relationship with my daughters."

So much for the personal view. With her HFEA hat she feels that if the current debate has the effect of increasing the supply of donor eggs, to help women over 40 who need them, that will be a worthwhile outcome. Sperm is easy: in abundant and available supply. Eggs are in short supply (except in unborn foetuses, which have millions). "The whole process of being an egg donor is complex: the woman has to take drugs to stimulate her ovaries and then have them removed under anaesthetic which is altogether more invasive. Donors have to give proper consent and be screened and offered counselling. Your gift is altruistic: you will not know the identity of the other woman and she will not know yours."

We should be thankful that the HFEA exists, while advances in knowledge continue to present us with enormous ethical challanges; no such bodies exist in the rest of Europe. In Belgium, she observes, great strides are being made in assisting sub-fertile men; while the Germans, sensitive to any whiff of eugenics, already have stringent limitations on treatment and research.

The HFEA believes that by consulting the public it can keep its finger on the pulse of social thinking, to judge whether we should allow or disallow scientists to do something just because they *can*. It is up to us to respond, even if our responses to "the artificial baby row" (*Daily Express*) are on the Pavlovian yuk-factor level, or informed only by tendentious headlines about "designer babies".

I met Louise Brown, the world's first test tube baby, when she was ten, with her sister Natalie, the 40th test *tube baby: two ordinary* schoolgirls conceived in Petri dishes in Oldham to parents (a lorrydriver and a mushroom-picker) from Bristol. The headlines then asked where it would all end; the response, then as now, was subjective and acute. But since 1978, IVF has enabled 10,000 people to be born, with general public acquiescence. "It is such a short time — 15 years," says Lady Brittan. "Fecundity and barrenness was a recurrent literary theme — and suddenly this technique came along, and an area of life which was once so intensely private, was opened up. Opinions do alter. And we can at least discuss the pluses and the minuses, the ethical and practical problems — and the benefits."

Privatise the arts

Sir Alan Peacock advises Britain's new arts supremo to beware of the scroungers and whingers

It is a well-known proposition in the economics of politics that, when it comes to luring governments into providing public funding or tax breaks, it is easier to organise a lobby of producers than consumers. The arts are no exception.

Noticeably lacking from the acrimonious debate about arts funding has been the voice of those whom the arts are designed to benefit: the public.

Public expenditure on creative performing and visual arts may be chicken feed — certainly less than 1 per cent of total government expenditure. Doubling it would hardly be noticed alongside the waste in public money by the major spending departments. However, a sensible case still needs to be made in order to justify the amount of spending on the arts and the manner in which funds are used.



Gowrie: next Arts Council chairman

The campaign of the arts establishment, by the leading "national" companies, seems to be based on the principle that they *should be allowed* to take the money and run. If they concede that some test of their success or failure must be devised, they insist that it should be based solely on their judgment. Those who finance them by taxes, the broadcasting licence and the council tax are apparently the last who need be consulted.

Of course, the views of artists must command great respect in the present debate, but very little account is taken of some harsh realities. First, the arts represent a minority taste — there is ample evidence supporting this — and arguments based on the supposition that even those who do not attend concerts, plays and opera receive some form of uncovenanted benefit are dubious.

Second, as the London orchestra fiasco showed very clearly, the big artistic players seem to be solely concerned with the benefits accruing to a minority within the "cultured" minority — the relatively rich London public.

There is no better way of turning off the rest of us who, while understanding their concerns, are not impressed by metropolitan parochialism.

Third, while arts buffs understandably exploit their histrionic skills, and garnish them with impressive rhetoric when they attempt to browbeat politicians and arts administrators — who hate to be called "Philistines" — the crescendo of strident voices sounds like a giant collective whinge. This is not the best way to impress the austere Treasury mandarins or, indeed, the largely silent but reflective public.

But there is a much more fundamental point not sufficiently brought out in this debate. The arts establishment rallies to the battle cry that the most important manifestation of a civilised nation is the amount that the public authorities spend on the arts, adding for good measure that other countries, but for this token, are much more civilised than we are. I cannot agree.

Of course, we should be judged by our artistic achievements but how much more commendable if these were nurtured by paying for the arts from our own pockets, rather than by compulsory government taxes.

This is not to argue that government support for the arts should cease. In the short term, arts councils and regional arts boards should be examining ways in which more support can be channelled through the individual consumer or through musical, literary and artistic societies who represent consumer interests.

In the long term, my argument supports investment in life-time education in the arts, aimed in such a way that intelligent appreciation of the arts removes the necessity for a large part of direct government support.

I realise this view represents a counsel of perfection. It will be strongly resisted by both those giving and receiving subsidies. State patronage confers power and prestige on those doling out the money. The artists who receive it are in a wonderful position to promote works which impress one another rather than the public at large. How much better would be a situation in which artists and their public were both fulfilled?

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Clinton must not appease Yeltsin

Roger Boyes says the West has nothing to fear from Russia

Presidents Lech Walesa and Vaclav Havel, in a rare show of unity, are talking in terms of a new Munich or a new Yalta, of a grand sell-out of central Europe by the Clinton Administration. That may overstate the case, but if Bill Clinton uses his first European tour to hand Russia a veto on the eastward extension of Nato, then the sense of betrayal will last for a generation or more.

It was a habit of modern communist regimes, as they came to recognise their frailty, to play the "lesser evil" card. General Jaruzelski tried it in Poland: martial law, he said in the 1980s, was infinitely preferable to a Soviet invasion. Mikhail Gorbachev constantly referred to his hardline enemies to explain U-turns or unsatisfactory concessions to the army. Now Boris Yeltsin, who still has the instincts of a communist politician, resorts to a similar card trick. Defend me, bail me out, he cries to the West, otherwise the spirits stirred up by the neo-fascist Vladimir Zhirinovsky will take over.

But these forces are already calling the shots; policy towards "the near abroad" (the former Soviet Republics) and central Europe is being dictated by the military. Russian security interests, very broadly defined and interpreted, are now used to justify the kind of bullying of central European governments rarely experienced since the days of Konstantin Chernenko. Warsaw was rattled not so much by Mr Zhirinovsky's wild statements ("Germany and Russia should again have a common frontier") as by the declaration of the "liberal" Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev that nuclear-tipped missiles will be pointed at Poland if it joins Nato.

> Defend me, bail me out, cries Boris Yeltsin to the West

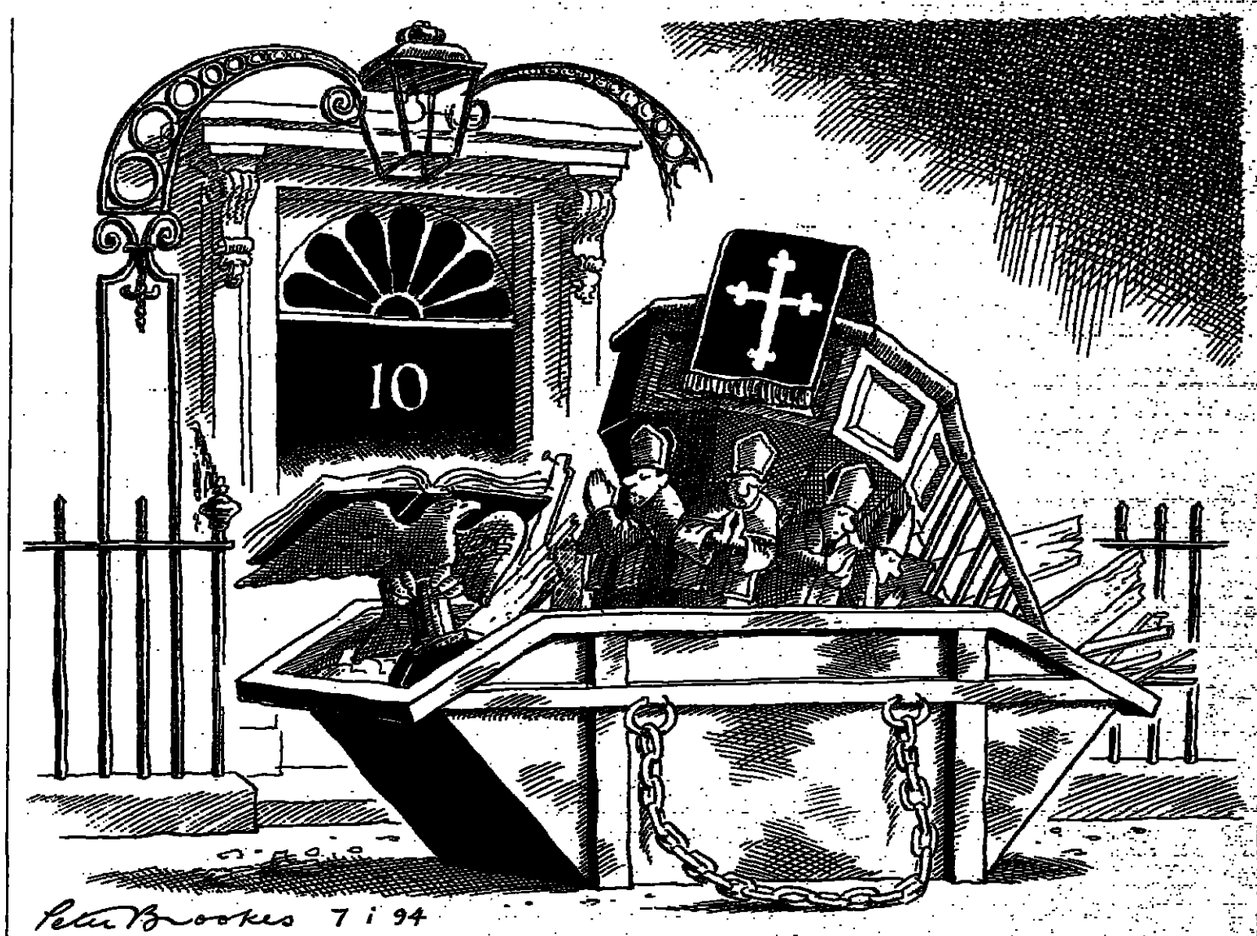
It is unacceptable, even absurd, for the West to allow Russia to set terms for Nato entry. It is reckless for the West to accept Moscow's own interpretation of its security needs. Yet President Clinton's soggy "Partnership for Peace" package does precisely that, holding out a form of strategic partnership to Russia and keeping central Europe at arm's length. The central Europeans — the Poles, Hungarians and Czechs — are already feeling cheated by the terms of their association with the European Union; the ratification of these agreements was completed only last month, and for two years there have been countless skirmishes over exports of beef, blackcurrants, cherries, steel, textiles and glass. To postpone Nato membership to the remote future does more than condemn the central Europeans to the periphery of the European Union; it makes it more than likely that the region will become the Western fringe of a revived Russian empire.

Mr Clinton should start to see matters a little more clearly. Russia is no longer a superpower, an equal partner in the new global order. It is a large, nuclear-equipped but unstable regional power pursuing historically defined goals. To take at face-value Russia's claims of being threatened by Poland or Polish membership of Nato is simply risible. Poland has no forward bases in the East: they are all on the Western frontier, and there is no money to build up a new infrastructure. The army is debt-ridden. Jan Kuriata, deputy defence minister, says that for even basic modernisation the Polish army would need a financial allocation equivalent to 3 per cent of the state budget, but this year barely 2 per cent has been earmarked for defence. Poland spends about $1.8 billion on defence, compared to $40 billion in Germany. The balance of forces is overwhelmingly in Russia's favour. In the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad alone there are half a million Russian soldiers — twice as many as in the entire Polish army.

The Russian generals' fear of encirclement would be justified only if Poland, excluded from Nato, made common cause with Ukraine in a new regional alignment. From this point of view, Russian interests would best be served by pressing for the swift inclusion of Poland in Nato and the isolation of Kiev. Missing however is a coherent Western view of the future of Nato. "Partnership for Peace", with its vague ideas about joint East-West manoeuvres, is a way of freezing the debate, not moving it forward. Diplomats argue that German reunification — and united Germany's accession to Nato — was made possible only because of the close involvement of Moscow. By extension, any new ordering of Europe, or institutional changes, demand a steady flow of reassurance directed at the Kremlin. German unity was accomplished in a different, more fluid era. Nobody denies the continuing need to include Russia in a global security system, but its relative weight within that system should not however be overstated.

The democratic reforms of central Europe rank among the great achievements of the past four years, and they should not be jeopardised by a half-baked plan to support Mr Yeltsin against his ultra-nationalist rivals; that is a caricature of a policy. Leonid Brezhnev is dead and it is time to recognise that the Brezhnev Doctrine died with him.

None of this means that Nato should take on anyone who knocks on the door in Brussels. It seems reasonable to give preference to the central Europeans over the Baltic republics. The substantial Russian minorities in the Baltics — one Russian security interest that must be acknowledged — mean that Nato entry for those states must be very carefully weighed. But Bill Clinton, the politician who strives so hard to be liked, should not shrink from political confrontation with Russia on things that really matter. Nato expansion is exactly such an issue. Russia will not like it, but will ultimately have to lump it; in the final analysis it is none of Moscow's business.



Majorism is not enough

Edward Leigh says Tories need firm principles

The little old lady enjoys a place in Tory mythology and methodology akin to that of the local trade unionist in the Labour Party. The question she was asking of the Tory politician at his umpteenth and last appallingly badly attended fundraising exercise in 1993 was: "But what do we believe in any more?"

The events of this week confirm that a dangerous gulf is opening up between the leadership and the constituencies, which can't accept the constant backtracking on principles — in this case the pretense that morals are just for little people. And no amount of blather from the party chairman will change this.

Of course the economy will improve, but like monetarism, economics is not enough. To know this is to ask why anybody submits to the dreadful tedium and self-sacrifice of working for a political movement.

Every political party has to have a core of beliefs or values. If these are transgressed or rendered obsolete, the party will be outflanked and supplanted, as has happened in Canada. The core beliefs of my party are clear to me: the Monarchy, the Union, the Church, strong defence, law and order based on retribution, low taxation, social security which engenders self-reliance not dependency, moral values and British sovereignty.

Yet by April we shall have higher taxation, less sovereignty, weaker defence, less law and order, more social security, a weaker Monarchy and Church, and less support for the Union than any Labour Government has ever dared to contemplate.

This is a devastating indictment. So the old lady's next question was: "Do we need to be in opposition to find ourselves again?"

The answer must be a decisive *no*. But we need to clear our minds of the baggage of 15 years of power and its compromises.

Let's look at those core beliefs, such as the Union. No one in the past has said to his blooded hand: "I have no selfish or strategic interest" in your remaining part of my body. We have come perilously close to saying we don't care if the Union survives or not.

And what of that most difficult subject for Tory politicians, morality? The lesson of the 1980s was that the market is not enough. Capitalism creates wealth efficiently, but society and its tool, government, must underpin this structure with a sense of morality based on service. But we should not preach if we don't intend to practise, should not give the impression that we feel morals or taxes are for little people.

While we can't lay down a moral code for others — that is for the Church — we can create a social framework in which traditional values are nurtured. We should not create a tax structure which discriminates against a married man supporting his wife and children, or a social security system that contains disincentives to working.

We should insist on people returning to the State by way of work or contributions what they take out. And should not debase the language of the House of Commons by announcing a half-hearted new initiative on education or law and order every week.

Above all, we Tories must revive our links with the Church. Politics isn't a dry science; it needs a dash of the unknown, of spirituality of high ideals and of the sublime. To prosper, we have to be distinct from our political opponents, even at the expense of taking unpopular decisions.

The politician answered the little old lady with the loyal words: "We believe in John Major." This spring and early summer, the electorate will tell us if they want something more.

The author is Conservative MP for Gainsborough and Horncastle.

The great pension scam

There is one born every minute, and he hopes to retire on an opted-out pension

Bernard Levin

Let us, clothes-pegs on our noses, contemplate the odour rising from a most reputable City firm, by name Noble Lowndes and Partners. Now whatever can be said about Levin — this or that or both — no one could call him mealy-mouthed, tongue-tied, bashful, moderate in his language, fond of litotes, hesitant or greatly given to understatement. That said, I shall say a few words, chosen for their bluntness, about the company aforementioned. Here goes: Noble Lowndes have been, albeit unwittingly, employing a handful of cheating, rotten, limitlessly greedy scoundrels.

Strong language? Yes. Too strong? Hark.

There is one of those self-regulatory bodies in the financial world which oversees the investment industry: it is called the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro). In general, I am no friend to self-regulation, but I cannot fault the members of Imro in this case — indeed, I applaud them unreservedly. There was no pussy-footing; Noble Lowndes has been fined, by Imro, some three-quarters of a million pounds. There is another bill, for compensation, of around half a million; and there is a charge of £45,000 for costs.

This, you may think, points to a company of criminals, looting everything not actually screwed down. But it is not so. There has been no malfeasance at all on the part of Noble Lowndes; the penalty was essentially a punishment for Noble Lowndes' failure to sniff out in time the handful of rogues in the basement.

When I learnt that, I must say I thought that Noble Lowndes were stung pretty hard by Imro; *they* weren't doing the dirty work, even though it was going on among the weasels in Noble Lowndes' basement. And there, the shysters had concealed the risks run by investors, failed to keep records of investment recommendations, and practised the art of "churning" — a term hitherto unknown to me, but which in this case means using the clients' money to bolster their own commissions.

Never mind the noughts; what about the human beings? The rogues hiding inside the company had "misadvised" (in English, cheated) many investors. Each of them will receive a substantial sum, with the former owners (TSB had just sold Noble Lowndes) forking out instead of the shysters; by the end of this saga I was on the brink of sending the company a tenner and urging all right-thinking people to do the same.

Whenever I have to turn my attention to money matters, I feel very happy that I long ago decided to keep all my millions not in banks or shares or financial advisers, but in a sock under my bed. Of course, over the years, the sock has again and again to be replaced by a larger one as my fortune has grown, but that is trivial beside the peace of mind I have.

Others worry, and no wonder. It isn't the mighty crooks that people fear, though indeed there are scams which ruin hundreds at a time; Robert Maxwell was not the only one. After all, we know that we may be knocked down by a car at any moment, but in practice we never think that that is going to happen, and at the other end of the area of misfortune, we don't go about clutching our coats tightly in case we fall victim to a pickpocket. No, it is the middle-sized scoundrel hidden inside reputable companies such as Noble Lowndes who does the real damage.

Nor is the damage in question only monetary ruin, for there is another kind, less obvious, but very powerful; it is trust. Just think of how many things in a civilisation like ours are based on one or another form of trust, from borrowing and lending among friends, to doing a job well. And I am convinced, and shall be convinced to the end of my life, that far more people pay their debts than bilk, and far more people do their work properly even if there is no one to see.

It is that ethic which is stained by nothing more ignoble than a failure to be sufficently penetrating to root out the rotters in time. But of course, there is a far more terrible attack on the ethic going on at this moment, one beside which the swineries I have been discussing are truly miniature.

If there is one bulwark against anarchy that is rightly thought vital, at least in this country, it is the building society; these monsters are frequently criticised, particularly when repossessions are going on, and also because of their reluctance to lower their rates even when bank rate goes down, but for all the grumbling, this country would be substantially impoverished, literally as well as metaphorically, if anything occurred to damage the very idea of the building society and what it means not only to home ownership but very many aspects of our society.

And, parallel with the Halifax and its like, there goes the Prudential and its like, to make the two pillars that hold up so much of the fabric of our land. How rare is a crash among the building societies or the life offices! How astonished we would be if one of them shut its doors! How disbelieving would we be if we were told that even in those pillars of propriety, greed and trickery could be found — indeed had been found!

No one, I imagine, would think that there could be any parallel between a batch of greedy rogues weaseling away in a reputable company and anything in the world of life offices. Nor is there; yet there is a scandal brewing in the latter, and unless it is taken in hand, and firmly, one of those two great pillars will — well, not fall, but quiver a good deal.

I am talking, of course, about the growing stink over the millions of people who started, through employers' pension schemes, pensions which would give them some security in retirement and old age. It is these people who have been tricked — the word is not too strong — into transferring their comfortable, slowly growing pensions into one brandished by a glib fast-talking salesman who is out for nothing but himself. That is what is now emerging in the twilight world of the fly-by-night pension transfer businesss.

We shouldn't have been surprised; there was a clue in bright daylight from, of all improbable sources: Barclays Bank. Barclays Life, the pension arm of Barclays, had been in the pension transfer business, until it became too uncomfortable, whereupon Barclays Life withdrew, for that reason, from the pension transfer market. Would that they had done so a long time ago, and expressed their disquiet more loudly. Still, they did something; others didn't. Hear the expert Jonathan Sheehan:

> Those with hungry sales forces aiming at the middle and upper end of the market may find themselves sorting through more questionable cases . . . it really is a situation where the management has caused a problem by allowing salesmen to do these things. It does not seem reasonable that policyholders should pay for that through getting lower bonus payments.

And surely there was a shudder when we read about teachers who have opted out of their occupational pension schemes, and opted out because the salesmen in some places had arranged to give them their spiel, and were able to do so because the headteachers had kindly arranged to hold staff collective briefings.

There's one born every minute; that is notoriously the sucker's cry. I have not heard of anyone being sold Brooklyn Bridge recently, but that probably only means that more sophisticated means are being employed to separate the sucker from his money. I was rebuked when I said that I had little sympathy for the suckers of BCCI because they were so greedy that they had convinced themselves that obviously tainted offers were wonderful opportunities. But that was not what the prospective pensioners in this story were doing. They were not buying snake-oil, but buying a little more comfort for their old age. And they were not getting that from the crooks whose smooth turn of phrase had been enough to ensure that the innocents would fall for their bamboozlings. It *was* enough; and once bamboozled they stayed bamboozled.

Well, it is not enough for me. Already, I can hear the demand from the Government to bale out the life offices, and not long after the Government's refusal there will be a proposal that those who were diddled should pay for, say, half their diddlement. It is said that the bill might run into billions, but if it does, the same answer must be given: the buck stops here. If you think it doesn't, gentlemen, one sentence from *The Times* should persuade you: it reads "More than 90 per cent of people transferring from occupational pension schemes to personal pensions in the past two years may not have been given proper advice."

Yeo-Yeo

AS A MAN contemplating a distinctly uncertain political future, Tim Yeo could be forgiven for toying with the idea of giving it all up to start a new life elsewhere.

He could do worse than consider the delights of Barbizon, the French town which is twinned with his home village of East Bergholt. A warm welcome awaits.

For the French cannot fathom the Anglo-Saxon farce over the minister's peccadillo. Deputy mayor Jean-Pierre Karampournis says that ever since the Barbizon school of painters (known as the *Paysagists*) established itself there in the 19th century, the village has had "a bohemian flavour".

He thinks locals would take a more liberal view of Mr Yeo's transgressions than those of East Bergholt. "The artists left their mark. Here, *l'amour est toujours l'amour.*" The village, which nestles at the edge of the Forest of Fontainebleau, is filled with pretty cottages and tiny art galleries — a veritable home from home for a Suffolk boy.

The twinning arrangement with East Bergholt works well, says Karampournis, with a trip, in one direction or another, every couple of years.

The deputy mayor cannot recall if Yeo has made the trip to Barbizon as yet. "There are many very private hotels and guest houses. It's possible Mr Yeo came here — he could easily have hidden himself away in one of these." And cheaper than the Seychelles.

● *John Major's loss will be the championship golf club of Royal St George's gain. For now he has left the Government, Tim Yeo plans to work on his handicap — a wobbly 12 — at the course in Sandwich, Kent where he is a member. Appropriately, he was playing at Wentworth when he heard of his appointment as countryside minister in 1992.*

Stepping out

IT IS NOT only cricket-lovers who will mourn for Brian Johnston. The shoe trade will also miss the boyish 81-year-old, who was one of the remaining ambassadors for the smart co-respondent shoe, once thought to be the epitome of Englishness.

Shoemakers around Britain admit, sadly, that the gentleman's co-respondent shoe, with its distinctive two-toned pattern, is on its way out. Church's, cobblers to the gentry, have been forced to place some of their best examples in the sales recently: "We're not planning to replace our existing range this year, although they are selling better with the ladies."

Alan Clark, the former defence minister, who still owns a pair or two, stands by his shoes, but admits he has suffered unreasonable prejudice. "It's very curious how deeply ingrained is that stigma which attaches to what is a very comfortable kind of shoe. I would wear them in the Commons and people would complain frightfully." Clark now buys his co-respondents in Venice.



DIARY

Still showing

THE Royal Academy celebrated with its longest-serving exhibitor in appropriate style on Wednesday evening — by mounting an exhibition of his work on his 87th birthday.

Willi Soukop, RA, first exhibited in the summer exhibition in 1935, and has continued to feature annually (except during the war). "He has exhibited more than anyone else," says RA president Sir Philip Dowson.

It was in the late 1940s, when Soukop was lecturer in sculpture at the Chelsea College of Art, that he received a call from a Mrs Frink, desperate to put her teenage daughter Elisabeth through art school.

"I took her to see the principal," says Soukop. "He asked Elisabeth to leave the room and demanded why on earth had I brought her to see him, saying that her work was awful. He would have nothing to do with her, but allowed me to take her into my class." So the late great sculptress Dame Elisabeth was discovered.

Money matters

SIR JOHN BOURN. Mere mention of the name is enough to make a quango quail. As Auditor-General and guardian of the public purse, he is shortly to spend some time learning how the private sector gets its sums to add up. Courtesy of a fellowship programme run by the Industry and Parliament trust, the most feared man in Whitehall is visiting Grand Metropolitan, the food and drink empire run by his fellow LSE alumnus, Sir Allen Sheppard.

He could be in for an educational time, it seems, at least according to City analyst Terry Smith. His book *Accounting for Growth*, while alleging no actual wrongdoing by the company, made several critical comments about Grand-Met's accounting procedures.

The book cost Smith his job with UBS Phillips & Drew, and two years on, the row with the stockbroker is still rumbling. "I've just served a subpoena on Sheppard actually," says Smith. Whitehall was never like this.

● *Family values are clearly uppermost in the mind of the Lord Chancellor's wife, Lady Mackay of Clashfern. In her successful application for Freedom of the City of London, which grants among other benefits the opportunity to roam the streets drunkenly without fear of arrest, she was asked to state her profession. "Married woman", she wrote.*



All good fellows should bid

Government education cutbacks have forced an Oxford college to reach back to the boorish customs of the 18th century. St Anne's College is throwing a convivial dinner next month in London's Middle Temple, followed by a book auction to raise funds for an English fellowship.

The custom of dinners followed by book auctions was well established in the 1700s, says Vincent Gillespie, a fellow and tutor in English. "The book trade used to offer lavish and bibulous lunches in pubs in the hope that diners would bid well for remainders at the auction afterwards." Works by Pope, T.S. Eliot and Iris Murdoch will be auctioned by Lord Archer, while his wife, a St Anne's alumnus (*left*), promises to be bidding. "We will be both donors and bidders at this rate," she says.

In addition, a fundraising evening with authors reading extracts of their works will take place tomorrow. But Julian Barnes (*right*), one of the authors, appears somewhat mystified by events: "I'm doing it as a favour for a friend, so I do not actually know the ins and outs. I didn't go to St Anne's."

BACK TO BASICS

The campaign has everything to do with personal morality

Quite needlessly, a short-lived embarrassing incident for the Government has been turned by the Prime Minister into a political furore. Left to itself, the Tim Yeo story would have died down within days. But John Major's intervention on the steps of 10 Downing Street has ensured that the whole framework of government policy is now being held up to the light and examined for flaws. And flaws there are a-plenty.

The question is whether Mr Yeo's adulterous affair and the consequent birth of a child out of wedlock is in any way inconsistent with the Government's "back-to-basics" drive. Yesterday Mr Major volunteered to waiting journalists that "back to basics isn't about a question of personal morality". He said it was "about policy issues of concern to people right across the board", from education to the economy.

That will seem strange to those who listened to his party conference speech last year, in which he launched the campaign. He talked about the "old values" of neighbourliness, decency and courtesy. "It is time to return", he said, "to those old core values, time to get back to basics, to self-discipline and respect for the law, to consideration for others, to accepting responsibility for yourself and your family." If that is not about personal morality, it is hard to envisage what would be. And it throws Mr Yeo's behaviour into sharp relief. Was he exercising self-discipline in having an affair? Was he showing consideration for his wife and children? Is he taking responsibility for his new family?

Mr Major went on to say yesterday that "none of my ministers have interpreted [the campaign] as an attack on single mothers." That is very odd. John Patten, at the same conference, referring to the importance of the family as a "timeless Tory value", said: "To me, there is no greater betrayal than having a child and then walking away." Peter Lilley said that "ideally children need two loving parents". John Redwood, Michael Portillo and Tom Sackville have made similar claims.

There is nothing wrong in ministers making such pronouncements. Each Government, of whatever hue, must decide for itself how far it wants to intervene in questions of private morality. Across the Atlantic, for instance, abortion has become a party political issue, while here it is still left to individual conscience. In Britain, therefore, if a female Conservative politician had an abortion, it would not be a matter for public debate. For a Republican American, it would be a scandal. Equally, a Labour politician who conceived a child out of wedlock would not be expected to resign, since Labour believes that such private morality is not the concern of Government. Yet if he were secretly to send his child to a private school or a private doctor, he would rightly be accused of hypocrisy since Labour believes that it is immoral to buy for a child better health or education than is available from the State.

There is a case for Governments becoming involved in private decisions that, collectively, affect the fabric of society. If children of one-parent families do suffer educationally and are more likely to become criminals, then it is reasonable for politicians to try to persuade men to take greater responsibility for their children. But it is not reasonable, in that case, for ministers to father illegitimate children themselves.

Mr Major has chosen to extend his Government's competence into questions of individual morality; and his back-to-basics ideas struck a welcome chord with his party last year when his authority badly needed restoring. Not only is it evasive to claim now that he said something different then; it is also unwise. The Conservative party likes the old values and supports those who preach them. If ministers want the support to continue, they will have observe those values too.

SHOULDER TO THE WHEEL

Clinton draws closer to Europe

When President Clinton comes to Europe next week to attend the Nato summit he is not going to offer much satisfaction to the Poles, Czechs and Hungarians who are knocking at the doors of Nato and demanding protection from a possible resurgence of imperialism in Russia. But, to judge by yesterday's major foreign policy speech in Milwaukee, delivered by Vice-President Al Gore because of the death of Mr Clinton's mother, the President seems to have learned a lot about the dangers and challenges facing Europe — and the importance of facing them if America is to remain prosperous and secure.

In his ideas, if not yet in his actions, Mr Clinton clearly wants his visit to Europe to mark a clean break from last summer when Warren Christopher, his Secretary of State, could dismiss the war in Bosnia as "a humanitarian crisis a long way from home in the middle of another continent".

Europe's central importance for America was certainly the welcome message yesterday from Milwaukee. "Nothing is more important than our relationship with Europe," declared Mr Clinton. But what was more convincing, and potentially significant, was his ability to justify this airy statement to a domestic American audience which still shows every sign of wanting to turn its back on the outside world. Predictably Mr Clinton explained that Europe was an "invaluable trading partner" and a market for exports. It was also a possible source of security threats and global instability and therefore a potential drain on American government finances. But Mr Clinton went beyond these clichés to emphasise a more intangible, and even more important, feature of America's relationship with Europe: a feature which lies at the heart of the challenge for Europe and explains why the Atlantic will always be more important to America than the Pacific, regardless of the future flows of trade and the balance of world economic growth.

What Europe now needed above all else, said Mr Clinton, was a new form of protection, built not on walls and barbed wire, but on free commerce, democracy and respect for human diversity and political dissent. After the decades of communist uniformity and repression, Europeans had rediscovered their ethnic and religious differences. They now had to transform Europe's diversity from a source of conflict into its great strength. America's indispensable contribution was to show through its own historical experience, that it was possible "to build a shared civic space large enough for all our differences". But this ideal of a civic society, embracing diversity instead of suppressing dissent, was not an American creation. It was actually an import by Jefferson from European liberal philosophy. And that philosophy not only underlies the American consitution; it also ultimately made inevitable America's reluctant involvement in the two world wars.

It is because America shares its fundamental political philosophy with western Europe that so much of 20th century history has revolved around the Atlantic alliance. And as Mr Clinton correctly asserted, the greatest challenge facing America, as well as western Europe, in the coming years, is to ensure that the politics of central Europe and the former Soviet Union are cast irreversibly into the same liberal mould. Mr Clinton may not yet known how to complete this historic task. But at least, as he said in Milwaukee, he is finally willing "to put America's shoulder to the wheel".

THE AMBRIDGE ONE

Policy should be argued by Soap as well as sandpaper



Soap washes life. That is what soap opera is supposed to earn its money from. It echoes and imitates and simplifies, and sells advertisements for soap powder, except on the advertisement-free zone of the BBC, which advertises nothing but its own products. *The Archers* radio programme, an everyday story of country folk that has run for the past 43 years, has once again trespassed into the real world and created uproar.

Most radio is a medium that allows people who have nothing to say to drone and twitter away at people who are not listening. But *The Archers*, which in theory deals with farming life not a million miles from Birmingham, owes some of its remarkable longevity to its topical news sense. The programme has recently become more socially conscious, dealing with adultery, abortion and squatting, as well as cows, village bitchiness and set aside. In a recent episode, Susan Carter, mother of two, was jailed for six months for being bullied into helping her brother Clive, an armed robber on the run.

Campaigns of outrage to free her have sprung up around the country. But listeners in Lydd, near Ashford in Kent, have taken their suspension of disbelief a step further by writing to their local Member of Parliament, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, who at present takes a stiff view of the retributive and political merits of prison.

The campaign started as a joke. Not many of the campaigners can confuse Soap with fact, though the skill of modern media makes it plausible. Charles Dickens had the skill of catching the issues of the hour and making them potent in imagination in fiction. If he lived today, he might have been writing indignant scripts for *The Archers*.

The programme makers say they consulted the Law Society when they set Susan's sentence, and were advised that although it was at the top end of the scale, it was possible. Through weakness she committed a serious offence and has received a severe sentence. It is outrageous that she has been sent to prison. Or not. At a time when penal policy is as usual, and as it should be, a matter of controversy and importance, even Soaps have their part to play. By dramatising and personalising the big, abstract, unanswerable questions of the human condition, they bring them down to earth. That is how tragedy began.

It is both funny and sad that some of the audience find these popular fictional creations real enough to become politically excited about them. But in deliberating the hard questions of policy, creative imagination and populist sympathy should play a part as well as white papers and analysis. Free Susan Carter now. It makes sense. Banging her up outrages the punters, and in a democracy the punters rule.

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Extension to East of Nato alliance?

From Mr Peter Mandelson, MP for Hartlepool (Labour)

Sir, The question of extending Nato membership to Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia (known as the Visegrad states), to be considered at next week's Alliance summit, is not easy to solve. But the way forward suggested in your leading article, "Year of the Atlantic" (January 3), lacks credibility.

You say that any revived territorial threat by Russia in Eastern Europe must be confronted by the Alliance — yet you insist that any security guarantee or integration offered to the countries concerned would dilute and harm the Alliance.

Surely the question of expansion should be one of timing rather than principle because it is in Nato's interests to forestall the proliferation of separate security entities in Europe.

If, as a result of their exclusion, the Visegrad states formed an alternative to Nato membership, undesirable fragmentation would be promoted and there would be less protection against regional conflicts generated by nationalism and unstable minorities. Such a situation would be more, not less, provocative to Russian security interests, because of the uncertainty it could induce.

At the moment, indecision within Nato means that the obvious candidates for membership are being left in a void, with only the offer of vague partnerships to sustain them. It should be made clear that these partnerships are staging posts to membership, even though the form of membership is flexible.

The semi-aligned status of Denmark and Norway, which enjoy membership but do not have foreign troops or nuclear weapons on their soil in peacetime, would seem to be a sensible model. It would be an attraction to those who want to offer the Alliance's protection without antagonising Russia or exposing Nato forces to entanglement in regional, ethnic or border disputes.

Is this not both the best way forward for Nato and to strengthen the community of interest we want to see developing in Europe?

Yours faithfully,
PETER MANDELSON,
House of Commons.
January 3.

From Professor R. A. Weale

Sir, In attempting to delay the Nato membership of central and Eastern European countries, the USA once again exhibits its customary insularity. These countries are nearer to the Northern Atlantic than, say, Turkey.

It is not too late for President Clinton's unconditional surrender to Russian blandishments to be laced with the warning that a change in the present balance of power will lead to a revision of this recommendation.

In a spare moment he might also try to discover the chain of events following Hitler's occupation of the Rhineland in 1935.

Yours very truly,
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January 3.

Johnners recalled

From Mr G. S. Brazier

Sir, Brian Johnston was well known as a patron and supporter of charities involving blind people in cricket, but I would like to add a personal footnote to your obituary today and the other tributes.

I recall attending a Test match a few years ago when I sat some seats along from a blind person who was Johnston's guest.

When not on the air, Johnners spent much of his time commentating and describing the game (and everything else) for his friend and, by chance, for those like myself who were lucky enough to be within earshot to enjoy what became, by the end, something of a private party.

By then, although he had very little of his voice left, his enthusiasm and *joie de vivre* were undimmed. Not surprisingly, his listeners were enchanted.

Yours faithfully,
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January 6.

From Mr Alex Hammond-Chambers

Sir, In a society torn by cynicism and negativism, BJ shone out like a beacon for his enthusiasm and positiveness. We all loved him because we crave such attributes: thank goodness for recording technology, so we can go on enjoying him.

I think that Simon Barnes was quite wrong to say in his assessment today that he "wouldn't know a piece of underlying moral seriousness if you served it up for tea with the crumpets". It was just that Johnston used humour rather than cynicism to make a point.

Yours sincerely,
ALEX HAMMOND-CHAMBERS,
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January 6.

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Fusion or fission: the quest for the right energy source

From Professor J. E. Harris, FRS, FEng

Sir, Matthew Parris's article (January 3) extolling the virtues of nuclear fusion and improved batteries is both wise and far-seeing, and naive and inaccurate. He writes: "Fusion (unlike fission) makes energy out of almost nothing, and leaves no radioactive waste." In fact both fission and fusion derive their energy from the destruction of a small quantity of mass.

Neither is it true that fusion does not give rise to radioactive waste. The containment materials of a fusion reactor become radioactive during operation, requiring their replacement every five years or so. Then there is the greater concern over the routine release of tritium, a radioactive isotope of hydrogen. It is true that there will be no really long-term radioactive waste from fusion.

If there is little to choose between fusion and fission generation, in principle, there is a big difference in practice. There are huge development problems with fusion. It cannot come into large-scale operation much before a century hence, by which time the population of the world will probably have more than doubled.

In sharp contrast, fission reactors are operating *now* — about 17 per cent of the world's electricity is currently generated by thermal nuclear stations — and the feasibility of fast-reactor operation has been demonstrated repeatedly.

Parris is, though, quite correct to emphasise the importance of storage of electricity. Everything depends on the development of more efficient batteries — it is the only route to viable electrical vehicles. Providing, of course, that the electricity is generated from non-fossil-fuelled sources, the widespread adoption of battery-driven automobiles is the most promising method of cleaning up our cities.

Yours faithfully,
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From Dr Christopher Edgcombe

Sir, Matthew Parris yearns for a simple means of storing and transporting electricity. By coincidence, on the same day Nick Nuttall reports a prototype car in which energy is stored by a flywheel "battery". It may also become possible to store energy compactly by use of the newer superconductors.

This and other techniques, and the generation of electricity by nuclear fusion, are worth further support, because they can reduce the pollution, emission of greenhouse gases and global warming which are now caused by burning conventional fuels.

Yours faithfully,
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January 5.

From Dr Alan Gibson

Sir, Matthew Parris's article on "free electricity" shows commendable enthusiasm and vision but is too glib in some of its assertions. The demonstration of the controlled release of heat energy from nuclear fusion was achieved in the Joint European Torus (JET) project two years ago (report, November 11, 1991). It is now gratifyingly repeated with somewhat larger releases, by our American colleagues. These demonstrations are a significant milestone on the road to the provision of a new vast energy resource for mankind.

It is true, as Mr Parris says, that the cost of the fuel for fusion will be very small. However, the capital cost of the power station to burn the fuel will be significant and present estimates, which are necessarily tentative, suggest a total fusion electricity cost which will be comparable to that from other forms of generation in the next century.

Research and development to unlock these energy reserves is, as Mr Parris implies, essential for the survival of our society. The scientific and technical investment required is large and is best carried out by international collaboration.

As well as its technical success, fusion research has made considerable advances in this field. First JET was built as a European, rather than a national, project and now a team from Europe, Japan, Russia and the USA is designing — on sites in Germany, Japan and the USA — the International Thermo-nuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER), which is to be the next major step in fusion research.

It is intended to demonstrate self-sustained nuclear fusion at the level which will be required for a power station. Building might begin in 1998, with a scheduled start-up date of 2005.

Yours faithfully,
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January 3.

From Mr Edward Kellett-Bowman, MEP for Hampshire Central (European People's Party Parliamentary Group (Conservative))

Sir, In the matter of batteries, science has been making gains which have passed by Mr Parris. Micro-electronics, particularly in digital apparatus, have made possible the use of very tiny batteries. However, when moving parts are involved, as in machinery, lighting and heating, I doubt we shall ever be able to manage without the grid and network of distribution lines.

However, power is stored in the form of water in North Wales and in Scotland. There, by pumping water to a higher level using surplus power when consumption is low, energy is held in reserve. When demand for electricity peaks, the water (which is genuinely a fuel when held ready in these dams) is released to drive turbines and feed the grid in seconds.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD KELLETT-BOWMAN,
Naishes Barn, Newnham,
Basingstoke, Hampshire.

Care of the mentally ill

From Dr Malcolm Weller and Dr Doris Hollander

Sir, Mrs Bottomley is to be congratulated on a number of progressive measures for compensating for psychiatric bed losses (report, December 28). Her requirement that patients be put on an "at risk" register entails accompanying resources at least equivalent to those that were available when such patients (voluntarily) occupied psychiatric rehabilitation, convalescent and long-stay beds.

The quality of accommodation, care and general support has at least to correspond to that of the worst conceivable hospital. However, in published research, we have found that the quality of life of patients in the community can be less good than when they were in hospital.

Mrs Bottomley's extension for a further three years of the mental illness grant to local authorities is certainly to be welcomed, but additional funds are also needed in line with the Tomlinson report on London hospitals. Haringey, for instance, the health authority with the second highest admission rate in the country, is faced with a 6 per cent reduction in its NHS budget.

We are concerned at the large number of psychotic people sleeping on the streets whom we have interviewed over several years' study and who are not in touch with any services or in receipt of any benefits; in a significant proportion of cases, they have never had contact with psychiatric services.

Disturbed men and women are being discharged from our overcrowded prisons. One person we interviewed sleeping on the street had been convicted of attempted murder, and one was using Crisis at Christmas for his parole address, following a conviction for murder.

Focusing on care for people who are discharged from hospital should not divert resources from the right of ill people, including the mentally ill, to NHS treatment.

That includes admission to hospital where this is clinically desirable; and may protect the ill against more serious psychopathology, social disturbance and compulsory admission — a form of admission which is increasing all the time. Further loss of psychiatric beds can only intensify the problems.

Yours truly,
MALCOLM WELLER (Chairman),
DORIS HOLLANDER (Secretary),
Concern (Care of the Neglected:
Combining Education,
Rehabilitation and Nursing),
30 Arkwright Road, NW3.
December 28.

Jamaicans at Gatwick

From Mr Solomon Malcolm

Sir, Your editorial of December 27, commenting on the plight of the Jamaican visitors who were detained at Gatwick airport, mentioned the necessity for immigration controls amidst rising illegal immigration to the West.

It is widely assumed that most illegal immigrants to the UK tend to come from poor countries of the Third World in search of better standards of living, and that visitors from New Commonwealth countries, such as Jamaica, are more likely to overstay and remain in Britain for economic reasons than their counterparts from affluent countries, such as the US or Australia.

However, the Home Office has admitted (Hansard, December 8, 1992, page 590) that there is no reliable evidence to confirm this commonly held view. In fact, there is more reason to believe that the reverse is the case.

To begin with, the majority of visitors and immigrants to the UK are from affluent countries. Only around 10 per cent are from the New Commonwealth, due partly to previous immigration legislation. The cost of air tickets to the UK from Jamaica is almost a year's salary on average earnings (the fares of many of the passengers detained at Gatwick were paid for by their British relatives). Air tickets from the US or Australia are more affordable to their inhabitants.

Similarly, visitors from those countries are not harassed by the authorities like their Jamaican counterparts: one does not hear of the police raiding addresses in the Earls Court area, to check up on the immigration status of the many Australians who live and work there.

Yours,
SOLOMON MALCOLM,
65 Leslie Road, Leytonstone, E11.
January 1.

Happy in your work?

From Mr Malcolm J. Taylor

Sir, His Honour Judge Malcolm Cotterill (letter, December 31) raises two questions:

"Who or what has banished the fun from so many lives where once apparently it abounded? Is there any employment that has escaped this widespread gloom?"

The answer to the second is, quite simply, self-employment. I deduce from this that the answer to the first is state and corporate bureaucracy. The dead hand of management structures, personnel managers, regulations (national and European) and office politics are all guaranteed to take the fun out of any activity. Added to all this, it now seems impossible to enjoy a business lunch — even in the City. Something frugal with mineral water seems to be the order of the day.

If one wants to put the fun back into work (and that includes lunch with a decent burgundy and perhaps a glass or two of port) it is now imperative to work for oneself.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM TAYLOR,
Arden Lodge,
Godshill Wood, Hampshire.

From Mr Christopher Apps

Sir, I suggest that the answer to Judge Cotterill's questions lies with the computer. How can one have a human relationship or enjoyment with job satisfaction with an automated system? We need to restore the human factor into our lives in whatever category we seek employment.

Yours etc,
CHRISTOPHER APPS,
The Old Granary, High Street,
Barcombe Cross, Sussex.

From Mr J. B. Kerr

Sir, Judge Cotterill should know the answer to his questions. Petty criminals escape his "widespread gloom".

It seems that the rest of us are increasingly expected to contribute to their enjoyment of life while we are at work, or on the way to or from it: our pockets are picked, our aged relatives are mugged, our houses are burgled, our cars are stolen, our property is vandalised.

Your job *can* be fun. It's the life round it that isn't funny.

Yours faithfully,
J. B. KERR,
148 Bramhall Lane, Davenport,
Stockport, Greater Manchester.

From Mrs P. M. Grayburn

Sir, I venture to suggest that — despite all the financial hassles and frequent low salaries — working in the arts is still highly enjoyable. The reason is that for most it is also their hobby.

Yours sincerely,
PATRICIA GRAYBURN
(Arts Administrator),
University of Surrey Arts Committee,
Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XH.

Empty second homes

From Dr Peter B. Baker

Sir, Canon O'Hanlon suggests (letter, December 31) that a tax on second homes would provide a ready source of income for the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the grounds that they are often empty.

Leaving aside the question of whether a drastic fall in the value of such homes would result in a dramatic rise in homes available for sale, it is unclear that there are large numbers of people who wish to live in small villages remote from public transport and other amenities of "civilised" life.

Of course, there *are* large numbers of buildings within our cities which remain empty and are rarely full even on Sundays.

Yours faithfully,
PETER B. BAKER,
9 Kenilworth Road, Ealing, W5.
January 1.

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Automatic honours

From Mr Tom Shearer, CB

Sir, In your third leader on December 31, "Almost three cheers", you say that deputy secretaries in the Civil Service are automatically awarded commanderships. Not so. After completing at least a year's probation, they are awarded companionships, a much more pleasant thing to my mind, particularly in the bath.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
TOM SHEARER,
9 Denny Crescent, SE11.
January 2.

Happy events

From Mr Ian D. Lang

Sir, If "love child" is going to continue to be the generic term for children born out of wedlock (article on Verdi today), what is the correct term for my six children born within it?

Yours faithfully,
IAN D. LANG,
2 Jarrow Road,
Chadwell Heath, Romford, Essex.
January 6.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK

January 6: The Prime Minister of Canada and Mrs Chrétien were invited to Luncheon with The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

Today, being the Feast of the Epiphany, a Sung Eucharist was held in the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, when the customary offerings of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh were made on behalf of The Queen by Air Marshal Sir Roy Austen-Smith and Lieutenant General Sir Richard Vickers (Gentlemen Ushers to Her Majesty).

The Bishop of London (Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal) was the Celebrant and presented the Offerings, assisted by the Reverend William Booth (Sub-Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal) and the Reverend Hugh Mead (Priest in Ordinary).

The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard was on duty in the Chapel.



Stuart Hampson, the chairman, John Lewis Partnership, is 47

Birthdays today

Mr Richard Armstrong, conductor, 51; Lord Bradbury, 80; Judge Hazel Counsell, 63; Mr Hunter Davies, author and broadcaster, 58; Mr Gerald Durrell, zoologist and writer, 69; Mr Tony Elliott, founder, Time Out Group, 47; Sir Peter Graham, QC, 60; Mr Ian La Frenais, screenwriter and producer, 57; Mr Ross Norman, squash champion, 35; the Viscount of Oxfuird, 60; Sir John Page, former chairman, National Ports Council, 79; Sir Alastair Pilkington, president, Pilkington, 74; Lady (Kenneth) Scott, chair, Volunteer Development Scotland, 62; Professor K.W. Sykes, chemist, 73; Lord Taylor of Hadfield, 89; Air Commodore the Hon Sir Peter Vanneck, former Lord Mayor of London, 72; Mr Will Wyatt, managing director, BBC Network Television, 52; Mr Roger D. Young, director-general, Institute of Management, 54.

The Dowager Countess of Mar and Kellie

Pansy, Countess of Mar and Kellie wishes to be known as The Dowager Countess of Mar and Kellie.

Geoffrey Coates

The memorial service for the life and work of Geoffrey Coates will be held at St Peter's, Eaton Square, London, SW1 at 11.00am on Tuesday, January 11, 1994.

Dinner

Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor entertained at dinner last night at the Mansion House the Chief Commoner and Members of the Court of Common Council, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, the High Sheriff of Greater London, mayors and leaders of Greater London Boroughs, aldermen, high officers of the Corporation of London and Ward Clerks of the City of London.

The Lord Mayor, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Chief Commoner were the speakers.

Lord Lieutenant

Air Vice Marshal George Arthur Chesworth to be Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the Grampian Region (District of Morayshire) in succession to Sir Iain Tennant KT who will be retiring on March 11.

Retirement

Judge Lloyd retired on January 4 from the Circuit Bench on the South Eastern Circuit.

Church news

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Dr Robert Law, Vicar, Halwell w Moreleigh, Rector, Woodleigh w Loddiswell (Exeter): to resign as from March 31.

The Rev Donald Lugg, Vicar, Margate St Paul (Canterbury): to retire as from March 31.

The Rev John Morley, Rector, Hadleigh, St James (Chelmsford): to retire as from February 28.

The Rev John Pease, Vicar, St John, Bovey Tracey and Chudleigh Knighton (Exeter): to resign as from February 9.

The Rev Michael Prentice, Rector, Woodford (Peterborough): to resign as from March 1.

The Rev John Swaine, Vicar, Harrow Green, Holy Trinity w St Augustine of Hippo (Chelmsford): to retire as from January 31.

The Rev Peter Carmichael, Rector, Earnely w, East Wittering (Chichester): to retire as from 24 April.

The Rev Canon George Crate, Vicar, Mountsorrel Christ Church and St Peter and Honorary Canon of Leicester Cathedral (Leicester): to retire as from April 30.

The Rev Stephen Fry, Assistant Curate, Kentish Town (London): resigned as from November 30.

The Rev Claude Guilloteau, Assistant Curate, All Saints, Ecclesall (Sheffield): to retire as from April 30 1994.

The Rev Christopher Scott, Vicar, Christ Church, Hampstead (London): resigned as from November 30.

The Rev Geoffrey Thomas, Rector, Middleton Cheney w. Chacombe (Peterborough): to retire as from December 31.

The Rev Stephen Warnes, Vicar, Blean: to resign as Warden of the Canterbury Diocesan Association of Readers as from March 31.

The Rev Canon William Wells, Vicar, Middlesbrough, St Thomas (York): to retire as from May 31.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.W. Bass and Miss S.E. Hansen
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Captain and Mrs J.D. Bass, RN, of Wapping, London, and Sian, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Hansen, of Vancouver, Canada.

Mr R.B. Bath and Miss B.E. Boyle
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alistair Bath, of Caversham, Berkshire, and Beatrice, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ranald Boyle, of Fairlie, Ayrshire.

Lieutenant R.J.A. Bellfield, RN, and Miss Z. Le Marchand
The engagement is announced between Robert James Astley, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Bellfield, of Clopton, Suffolk, and Zoe, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs Thomas Le Marchand, of Hasketon, Suffolk.

Mr D.J. Blayney and Miss K.L. Goodwin
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.H. Blayney, of St Mary, Jersey, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Goodwin, of Romsey, Hampshire.

Mr S. Curnow and Miss J.S. Wells
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of the Rev T.P. and Mrs Curnow, of Taunton, Somerset, and Julia Susan, daughter Mr and Mrs D. Wells, of Aldwick, West Sussex.

Mr J. Catherwood and Miss M. McCaffery
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Sir Fred Catherwood, MEP, and Lady Catherwood, of Cambridge, and Megan, second daughter of Mr James McCaffery and Mrs Patricia Gibson, of South Bend, Indiana.

Mr P. Corbisiero and Miss J.A. O'Hea
The engagement is announced between Pietro, second son of the late Mr C. Corbisiero and of Mrs Maria Corbisiero, of Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, and Jane, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan O'Hea, of Shere, Surrey.

Mr J.M.B. Daniels and Miss M.S. Ward
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, second son of Mr and Mrs Ray Daniels, of Merrybent, Co Durham, and Monica, youngest daughter of the late Mr Patrick Ward and of Mrs Liz Glossop and stepdaughter of Mr John Glossop, of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.C. Ward and Miss L.F. Roberts
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mrs Jean Ward and the late Mr Wilfrid Ward, of Chilbolton, Hampshire, and Cowes, Isle of Wight, and Lucilla, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Roberts, of Broughton, Oxfordshire.

Mr J. Eadie and Miss L. Barton
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Eadie, of Great Maplestead, Essex, and Louise, daughter of Major and Mrs Robert Barton, of Shrewton, Wiltshire.

Mr P. Greig and Miss C.J. Chandler
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.O.P. Greig, of Crawley Down, West Sussex, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P.R. Chandler, of Cuckfield, West Sussex.

Mr P. Jordan and Miss J.H. Shephard
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Leonard Jordan, of Up Holland, and Jennifer Helen, elder daughter of Rev and Mrs Brian Shephard, of Lezayre Vicarage, Isle of Man.

Mr N.A. Metaxa and Miss R.S. Bennett
The engagement is announced between Neil, younger son of Mr and Mrs P.A. Metaxa, of Wimbledon, and Rebecca, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F.W. Bennett, of Cobham.

Mr D.B. Pitman and Miss A.J.G. Hampson
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Pitman, of St Georges Hill, Weybridge, and Aimée, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Hampson, of Kensington.

Mr A.C. Lisser and Miss C.M. Wordsworth
The engagement is announced between Aidan, only son of Mr Raymond and the Hon Mrs Lisser, of Stanton, Gloucestershire, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Allan Wordsworth, of Mayfield, East Sussex.

Captain C.E.A. Mayo and the Hon Arabella Eady
The engagement is announced between Captain Charles Edward Armstrong Mayo, The Light Dragoons, son of Colonel John Mayo and the late Mrs Mayo, of Camberley, and the Hon Arabella Victoria Eleanor Swinfen Eady, youngest daughter of the Lord and Lady Swinfen, of Wingham, Kent.

Mr D.G. Mercer and Miss K. Brown
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Dr and Mrs Ian Mercer, of Stamford, Lincolnshire, and Karen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Brown, of Haslingden, Lancashire.

Mr A.J. Merriman and Miss S.K. Davies
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs E.W. Merriman, of Paddock Wood, Kent, and Sarah, second daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A. Davies, of Upton upon Severn, Worcestershire.

Mr N.J. Read and Miss C.J. Attenborough
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Brigadier and Mrs Gregory Read, of Broad Chalke, Wiltshire, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Attenborough, of Seal Chart, Kent.

Mr C.M. Rogers and Miss C.E. Hawkins
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Rogers, of Tottington, Lancashire, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Hawkins, of Coldwaltham, West Sussex.

Mr P.J. Silcock and Miss K.S.R. Williams
The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roger Silcock, of Easton, Cambridgeshire, and Emma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Crispin Williams, of West Felton, Shropshire.

Mr M.S. Ward and Miss C.J. Stormer
The engagement is announced between Martin, only son of Mr and Mrs F. Ward, of Morden, Surrey, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.I. Stormer, of Cheam, Surrey.

Mr A.N.V. Williams and Miss C.E.A. Hawes
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Colin Williams, of Virginia Water, Surrey, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Hawes, of Pilgrims Hatch, Essex.

Mr I.P.B. Monk and Miss P.M.D. Lamb
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest son of Rear Admiral and Mrs A.J. Monk, of Ascot, and Kingsdown, Deal, and Patricia, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs D.C. Lamb, of Hornby, North Yorkshire.

Mr H.S.N. Smith and Miss S.M. St Thomas
The engagement is announced from Tokyo between Henry, son of Mr and Mrs Peter N.H. Smith, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, and Suzanne, daughter of Mr Robert St Thomas, of West Yarmouth, Massachusetts, and Mrs Helena St Thomas, of Centerville, Massachusetts, USA.

Mr J.R.B. Trotman and Miss C.A.L. Walker
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.H.B. Trotman, of Bletchingley, Surrey, and Charlotte, only daughter of Mr T. Walker and Mrs P.D. Walker, both of Anstey, Leicestershire.

Mr S.R. Willcox and Miss K.T. Wiley
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.L. Willcox, of Erpingham House, Norfolk, and Kate, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R.C. Wiley, of Little Plumstead, Norfolk.

PETER TREVOR



Trevor Ellis and his wife Ellie with the new coat of arms they have carved and painted for the Banqueting House in Whitehall, which was built by Inigo Jones in 1622. The design is taken from a 17th century atlas and is based on the royal coat of arms for Sussex. It is carved from Quebec pine and measures 6ft by 4ft

The Associated Examining Board

Professor Raoul Norman Franklin, Vice Chancellor of The City University, has been appointed Chairman of the Associated Examining Board, the country's biggest A-level board.

Appointments

Joseph Anthony James to be a district judge for the districts of the Blackpool and Preston County Courts, and joint district judge in the District Registry of the High Court at Blackpool and Preston, from January 12.

Stephen Orchard, Chief Executive of the Legal Aid Board, re-appointed a member of the board for four years from January 1.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Harrington, political theorist, Upton, Northamptonshire, 1611; Millard Fillmore, 13th American President 1850-53, Locke Township, New York, 1800; Ouida (pseudonym of Louise de la Ramel), novelist, Bury St Edmunds, 1839; St Bernadette of Lourdes (Marie-Bernarde Soubirous), Lourdes, 1844; Charles Péguy, poet, Orleans, 1873; François Poulenc, composer, Paris, 1899.

DEATHS: Catherine of Aragon, first wife of King Henry VIII, Kimbolton, Huntingdon, 1536; Richard Hilliard, miniaturist, London, 1619; François de Salignac de la Mothe Fénelon, writer and archbishop of Cambrai, 1715; Allan Ramsay, poet, Edinburgh, 1758; Sir Thomas Lawrence, painter and president of the Royal Academy 1820-30, London, 1830; Andrei Bely, novelist and poet, Moscow, 1934; Sir Arthur Keith, anthropologist, Downe, Kent, 1955; Michinomiya Hirohito, Emperor of Japan 1926-89, Tokyo, 1989.

Glasgow University was founded, 1450.

Francis Bacon became Lord Chancellor of England, 1618.

Blanchard and Jeffries made the first air crossing of the English Channel in a hot-air balloon, 1785.

The first national election in America was held, 1789.

The London General Omnibus Company started operating, 1857.

University news

Oxford

St Antony's College

Election to Governing Body Fellowships:

Cyril Chih-Ren Lin (from January 1 for five years)

David Anthony Washbrook.

Southampton

Appointment

Dr Nicholas Wikeley, Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Birmingham, has been appointed to a chair of Law in the University of Southampton's Law Faculty.

Dr Wikeley's research has been primarily concerned with the law relating to social security. He will take up his appointment on September 1.

Announcements from the schools

Queenswood School

The Spring Term at Queenswood School begins on Sunday, January 9, and ends on Saturday, March 26. There will be a performance of *Carmina Burana* by the Queenswood Choral Society at 7.30pm on Saturday, March 12. Further details from the Music Department.

Reed's School, Cobham, Surrey

Spring Term starts on January 9 and ends on March 23. Mark Elliott continues as Captain of School and Gareth Clarke is Captain of Hockey. Sixth Form and Continuation Scholarships will be held at School on January 24 and 25 and the 13+ Music, Art and Technology Scholarships on February 21. Open Morning is on January 29. The Old Reedonian Dinner will be held at School on April 15.

Royal Grammar School, Guildford

Lent term at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford began yesterday and ends on March 24. The Entrance Examination for boys wishing to enter the First form at age eleven in September 1994 is on January 15. The annual dinner of the Old Guildfordians' Association will be on March 25.

Wrekin College

The Lent Term began on Thursday, January 6, at Wrekin College. The *Cherry Orchard* will be performed on February 9 and 10 and *Oedipus Rex* on March 10 and 11. The Choral Society will sing Mozart's *Requiem* on March 16 and there will be a Jazz Concert in aid of the Shropshire and Mid Wales Hospice on March 20. The Old Wrekinian hockey matches will be played on February 26. There is an Open Day for prospective pupils and their parents on Saturday, February 5 and an Open Evening for prospective Sixth Form entrants on Thursday, March 3. The Assisted Place examinations take place on Saturday, March 12. Term ends on Wednesday, March 23.

Latest wills

Lady Joyce Edith Broackes, of London SW3, wife of Sir Nigel Broackes, former Chairman of Trafalgar House plc, left estate valued at £5,284,692 net. She died intestate and letters of administration have been granted to her husband.

Mr Peter Andrew Tranchell, of Cuttridge, Hampshire, Fellow and Director of Music at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, 1960-89, left estate valued at £253,868 net.

He left £22,500 and some effects to personal legatees, all his writings, papers, musical manuscripts and music written by him first to be offered to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, and then to the Library of the University of Cambridge, and his printed books and books of printed music and 1/3rd of the residue to the Clifton College, Bristol, 1/3rd of the residue to the Dragon School, Oxford, and 1/3rd of the residue at discretion of executors to any person they may think fit — not necessarily charitable".

Mrs Tamara Talbot Rice, of Fossebridge, Gloucestershire, the Russian born art historian, left estate valued at £181,196 net.

Mr John Henry White, of Enfield, north London, left estate valued at £137,487 net. He left his entire estate to the Cancer Research Campaign.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mr Dennis Archer, of Trowbridge, Wiltshire	£1,573,491
Mrs Myra Kathleen Lilian Baggett, of Eastbourne, East Sussex	£632,737
Mr Anthony John Cheeseman, of Parkgate, Cheshire, late managing director	£1,709,038
Mr Kenneth William Forbes, of Worthing, West Sussex	£609,661
Mrs Blossom Galinski, of London NW11	£575,858
Mrs Barbara Hall Gough, of London SW11	£2,792,534
Doris Amelia Hider, of East Ashling, West Sussex	£687,873
Mrs Daisy Winifred Llewellyn, of Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan	£755,674

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I do not spare my body, but bring it under strict control, for fear that after preaching to others I should find myself disqualified.
1 Corinthians 9 : 27 (REB)

BIRTHS

ADDISON - On 15th December, to Susan (née Filton) and Richard, a daughter, Harriet Sarah, a sister for Jessica.

ATKINSON - On January 4th 1994 in New Jersey, to Terri and Nigel, a son, Harrison, a brother for Jamie.

BOXALL-HUNT - On January 5th 1994, to Janis (née Morrison) and Brian, a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth.

BULLMORE - On December 31st at University College Hospital, London, to Mary Pitt and Edward Bullmore, a son, Alfred Arthur.

FAZACKERLEY - On 5th January 1994, to Ginny and John, the gift of a son, William George - a special brother for Jonathan and Nicholas.

FEATHERBY - On December 23rd in London, to Clare (née Pospisil) and William, a son, St John James Milton, a brother to Francis, Victoria, George, Elizabeth, Margaret, Eleanor, Jack and Sarah.

FOWLER - On January 3rd, to Lesley (née Wilson) and Bruce, a daughter, Katherine Joyce.

KNYCHALA - On December 7th, to Debra (née Lee) and Jonathan, a son, James Alexander, a brother for Amy Jane.

LEE - See Knychala.

MULVIHILL - On January 4th to Claire (née Turner) and Peter, a daughter, Lauren April. With love and best wishes from both families.

PHILLIPS - On November 21st 1993, to Ann and David, a son, Edward Raymond, a brother for Meredith, and sleepless nights for his parents (particularly his mother who has pneumonia).

PICKUP - On January 2nd 1994 at Sharoe Green Hospital, to Lesley (née Froggatt) and Graham, a daughter, Victoria Amanda.

POTTERGER - On 3rd January, to Sue (née Wharfe) and Jay, a son, William Muir Morgan.

SPEELMAN - On January 5th at home, to Lindsay and Jonathan, a son, Lawrence Simon Thomas.

STILEMAN - On January 5th, to Rebecca (née Cremer) and William, a daughter, Anna Lucy, a sister for Katie and Harry.

BIRTHS

VERBI - On January 5th, to Catherine (née Ruttle) and Edward, a darling son, Henry Joseph Mayo, a brother for Samuel and Victoria.

WALLROCK - On January 3rd, to Caroline (née Russell) and Richard, a daughter, Georgina Grace, a sister for Alexandra.

WHITEHEAD - On January 2nd, to Jane (née Evans) and Charles, a daughter, Catherine Helen, a sister for Emily.

WILLIAMS - On December 18th, to Caron (née Shiels) and Ian, a daughter, Sophie Antonia, a sister for Toby. Always remembering Harry.

MARRIAGES

BOWLER:JAGE - On New Year's Eve in Berlin, Christopher William, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.W. Bowler, Moors Ashby, Northampton, to Kerstin, only daughter of Professor J. Jage of Mainz and Dr. Anita Schmidt of Berlin.

DEATHS

ALDINGTON - On 3rd January, Edna, widow of Dr. John Aldington. Service and burial at Baptist Church, Haddenham, Buckinghamshire, 2.30 pm Monday 10th January 1994. Enquiries, to son Peter and family on (0844) 291383.

ALLSEBROOK - William Paul aged 74, husband of Ditte, father of Marchia, died suddenly on January 6th in Glyfada, Greece.

AMERY - On 2nd January, suddenly at Bath, Lynda May, in her 94th year. Widow of Richard Amery. Dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service 2 pm, Bath Abbey, Wednesday 12th January. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, for the Bath Abbey Trust to E. Hooper & Son, 13 St James' Parade, Bath BA1 1UL.

AVERY - On January 1st, Horace Edward (Ted) aged 83, of Chichester. Service Friday January 14th at Chichester Crematorium at 11.30 am. Enquiries to Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester, tel: (0245) 782136.

DEATHS

BATES - Sir David Robert F.R.S., on 6th January 1994. Right trust ye and well beloved of Barbara, loving father of Katharine and Adam and father-in-law of Albert and Jeanette. Funeral Service to be held in All Souls Church, Elmwood Avenue, Belfast, on Saturday 8th January at 9 am. No flowers please, donations in lieu if desired to Beaconfield Marie Curie House, Kensington Road, Belfast.

CAMPBELL HILL - Alastair (Alec), suddenly and peacefully on Wednesday January 5th to Bristol. Adored husband of Mary, father to Alaric, Marlowe, Corin and Ross and a dear grandpa. Thanksgiving Service All Saints Church, Corston, near Bath, on Thursday January 13th at 12.15 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations may be sent for the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund to Jollys Funeral Directors, 7 Windsor Place, Upper Bristol Road, Bath, tel: (0225) 426822.

COOKE - Denis Russon. Beloved husband of Olive Sybil Cooke (Dec'd). Late of Boderim Qld Australia, formerly of Cronswhich, Sydney Australia and formerly of England. Relatives and friends of Martin and Kate Cooke, Peter and Lynne Cooke and their families are invited to attend his cremation service which is appointed to be held in the chapel of the Boderim Lawn Crematorium, Friday 7th January 1994 Service Commencing at 10am. E.C. Thomas & Son, 33 National Park Road, Nambour 074 411 366 Queensland, Australia.

DEAR - On December 31st 1993, peacefully in hospital, Kenneth of Odiham, Hampshire, aged 84, O.B.E., D.F.C. Greatly loved husband of Ruth and father of David and Paul. Funeral at Odiham Cemetery on Monday January 10th at 12.30 pm. family only. No flowers but donations, if desired, to the Stroke Association, CHSA House, Whitecross Street, London EC1Y 8JJ.

DEATHS

GARSON - Jack in his 80th year, suddenly at home on 5th January. Beloved husband of Micki, adored father of Juliet and Cherry! and son-in-law Frank and devoted grandpa of Georgina, Adam, Tom and Charlotte. Will be sadly missed.

GOODGER - On January 4th 1994 at Leicester General Hospital, suddenly after a long illness which she bore with "grit". Anne Priscilla, beloved wife of Donald, mother of Katharine and Anthony, granny to Claire, Matthew and Henry. Funeral Service at St Mary Magdalen, Brinsmead Road, Knighton, Leicester, on Tuesday January 11th at 11.45am, prior to cremation. No flowers please but donations to Cancer Research may be sent to Ginns and Gutteridge Funeral Directors of Leicester, tel: (0533) 516117.

GRINDROD - On 4th January peacefully at Edenhall, Hampstead, Muriel O.B.E., formerly of Chatham House. Sadly missed by so many friends especially in the British Italian Society, to which donations may be sent c/o 21-22 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9FE. Family flowers only. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium 2 pm Wednesday 12th January.

HALLWOOD - On January 5th 1994, peacefully after a short illness, in hospital at Harare, Hilda Mary, widow of John Hallwood and mother of Angela and Richard. Much loved by her family and many friends.

HOWARD - On January 4th 1994, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Mary, widow of The Hon. Greville Howard. Funeral Service on Monday 10th January at St Kevarne Parish Church, Helston, Cornwall at 12.30pm for family and close friends. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Missions to Seamen, St Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London EC4 2RL. No Memorial Service at her request.

HOWKINS - Joan (née Thorp), on 27th December at Bushey BUPA Hospital, beloved wife of Eric and sister of Arthur. Cremation has taken place. Donations if desired to the Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted, Herts. HP4 3HX.

DEATHS

KALLIPETIS - Takis. Peacefully at home 6th January 1994. Husband of Sheila, father of Michel, Paul, Mary and Anna, grandpa to Sonia, Mandy, Sarah, Nikolas and Kristian. "T.G.K. will never be forgotten". Donations to the British Diabetic Association.

KISSLEWHITE - On 4th January 1994, suddenly in Pembury Hospital, after a short illness, Gordon Victor, beloved husband of Marjorie. Funeral Service to take place at St Mary's Church, Goudhurst, on Monday January 10th at 2 pm, followed by private interment. All enquiries to K.B. Sills Ltd., Kenwood, High Street, Cranbrook, tel: (0580) 712284.

LAYTON - On December 31st 1993, at Davenham, Graham Road, Malvern, Worcestershire, Maurice Clifford aged 89 years. Funeral Service at Worcester Crematorium on Friday January 14th at 1 pm. No flowers, but donations in his memory to the Friends of the Elderly, Davenham.

LEE - On 5th January 1994, peacefully following a long illness bravely borne, Sally Lee of The Fox, Corscombe, Dorset. Mother of Martin and Charlie, widow of Captain H.J. Lee DSC**, Private funeral enquiries to A.J. Wakely & Sons, 7 North Street, Beaminster, Dorset.

LLOYD - Hilda, see Strother.

LOVE - Suddenly on December 28th 1993 while on holiday in France. Charles Marshall, loving husband of Juna and dear father of Jaid and Andrew. Sadly missed. Funeral Service to be held in St Giles Cathedral, High Street, Edinburgh, on Tuesday 11th January at 1.15 pm to which all friends and colleagues are invited, thereafter a private service to be held at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh. Family flowers only please, but donations are invited in lieu to the Scottish Childrens' Hospice, c/o Clydesdale Bank Plc, Banking Dept., 30 St Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2HL.

DEATHS

MARCH - On January 6th, peacefully in hospital after a long illness borne with fine spirit, Margaret Joan beloved gentle wife of Norman, dear mother of Peter and Tony. Funeral Service at United Church, High Street, Egham, Surrey, on Tuesday January 11th at 9.30 am, followed by family only cremation. Family flowers only please.

MAYALL - (née Holden). On 5th January 1994 in the Isle of Man, Madge aged 90 years. Dear mother of Brian, Roger and Lionel. Mamma to her children-in-law, her 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and her many friends. Funeral Wednesday 12th January at Church Lench, near Evesham, Worcestershire at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to The Holden Centre of Barrowford, Lancs. c/o Lionel Mayall, Creggan Moar, Dalby, Isle of Man IM5 3BU.

MEARS - Ronald Ernest, aged 72, after a short illness, passed away peacefully on January 2nd 1994 in the home he loved and had lived in for nearly forty years. He leaves three sons, Raymond, Michael and Louis, and will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by his family and many friends. Service and burial at St John's Church, Windlesham, Surrey, at 1 pm on Wednesday 12th January. Flowers and enquiries to Ford Mears and Partners, 26 High Street, Frimley, Camberley.

MURDOCH - On 3rd January 1994, peacefully in hospital, Major Andrew Gilson Murdoch M.B.E. (Retd.) of Rushlake Green, E. Sussex. Dearly loved husband of Lucy, beloved father of Fiona and Christopher and daughter-in-law Jane. Sorely missed grandfather of Hannah, Emily, Thomas and Harriet. Funeral Service to take place at St Mary's, Warbleton, on Friday 14th January at 2 pm. Flowers, or donations to British Heart Foundation or Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, E. Sx. tel: (0435) 882219.

OLIVER - Ivy Hope, widow of Charles and mother of Madeleine, on 19th December 1993, peacefully at home, aged 84. Thanksgiving Service at Seaton, Uppingham at 3 pm on 12th February.

DEATHS

PILCHER - On 5th January 1994, peacefully, Charlie Dennis Pilcher, IQ, CBE, aged 87 years. Much loved husband of the late Mary Allison, loving father of Ann and Judy, grandfather of Emma, Polly, Daniel, Lord and Ben and great-grandfather of Samuel and Harry. Funeral Service at Worthing Crematorium on Thursday 13th January at 1.20 pm. Donations, if desired, for the R.S.P.B. may be sent to H.D. Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, West Sussex, tel: (0903) 234816.

PRIEST - William (Mr Bill), of Bedford Park, Chiswick, London. Died peacefully on 30th December 1993, the dearly loved and sadly missed husband of Sheila, sister of Jean, father to Shirley and Jacqueline and Grandpa to Eugene, Georgina, Lawrence, Gabrielle and Giselle.

PYBUS - Michael Anthony, on 6th January, in his 80th year, at Corbridge, Northumberland. Funeral private.

ROSCOE - On 2nd January 1994, after five years of devoted care at Clyde House Nursing Home, St Leonards-on-Sea, Mabel Elizabeth Roscoe, aged 91. Only daughter of John Henry Roscoe, one-time servant of Hamburg Bank of Northern Commerce Ltd., and of his wife Edith. To many generous benefactor. Funeral private.

ROSE - Peacefully at home on 5th January, Christine (née Alderson), for 55 years the cherished wife of William Rose, much loved mother of the late Derek and of Angus and adoring grandmother of Max and Alexander. Cremation Service at 2 pm on Friday 14th January at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Nine Mile Ride, Bracknell, near Wokingham, Berkshire. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to OXFAM.

STROTHER - On 5th January, peacefully at home, aged 89, Hilda Beatrice, widow of Leslie Lloyd and of Fleming Strother. Flowers or donations to SSAFA to Dunnings, 2 Church Close, Andover, SP10 1DP, tel: (0264) 334436. Funeral at St Nicholas Church, Longparish, Tuesday 11th January at 12 noon.

DEATHS

TURNER - On 5th January, peacefully, Miss Monica Beatrice Turner, aged 92. Funeral at Holy Cross Priory, Cross In Hand, Thursday January 13th at 10.30 am.

VOWDEN - On 5th January 1994 peacefully in her sleep, Iris Ashley Vowden, widow of Desmond, much loved mother of Penelope Wigram and grandma of Lionel, Sophie and Ben. For many years Fashion Editor of The Daily Mail. Cremation Service at Mortlake on Tuesday 11th January at 2pm. Flowers and enquiries to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 212 Everthorpe Street, NW1 6QT, 387 6075).

WIMBUSH - Richard Kidwell on January 4th 1994, suddenly, but peacefully in York. Husband of the late Molly Wimbush, Rennick Bishop of Argyll and the Isles and Primus of Scottish Episcopal Church. Funeral on Thursday January 13th at 11.45 am in York Minster. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Intermediate Technology Supporting Development for Self Sufficiency in the Third World c/o J.G. Fielder & Son, 48 Clarence Street, York YO3 7EW.

WYLDBORE-SMITH - Robina, on 30th December 1993 after a short illness, loving mother of John Henry, William and Susannah, and grandmother of Philippa and Felicity. The funeral has taken place. Service of Thanksgiving at Cotham Parish Church, Bristol, on 8th February 1994 at 2.30pm.

YARDLEY - On January 5th, Elizabeth, beloved wife of the late Theo Yardley, a much loved mother, of Sheila, Josephine and Jonathan. Funeral Service to be held at St Theresa's, Warwick Road, Beaconsfield, on Friday 14th January at 11 am.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MACPHERSON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John, died 17th December, will be held at 2.30 pm at St Mary's Church, Great Henny, Sudbury, Suffolk, on Thursday 27th January.

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IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

CARROLL - Joanna Valerie Maud, born 30th June 1986, died 4 years ago to-day. Sadly missed by her Mummy and Daddy, brothers and sisters. There is now installed in the Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene with St Martin's, Addlestone, a window dedicated to her beautiful memory. Age cannot wither her.

FISHER - F.J., Professor Emeritus Economic History, died January 7th 1988. Always remembered but particularly by Barbara, Tereka and Matthew.

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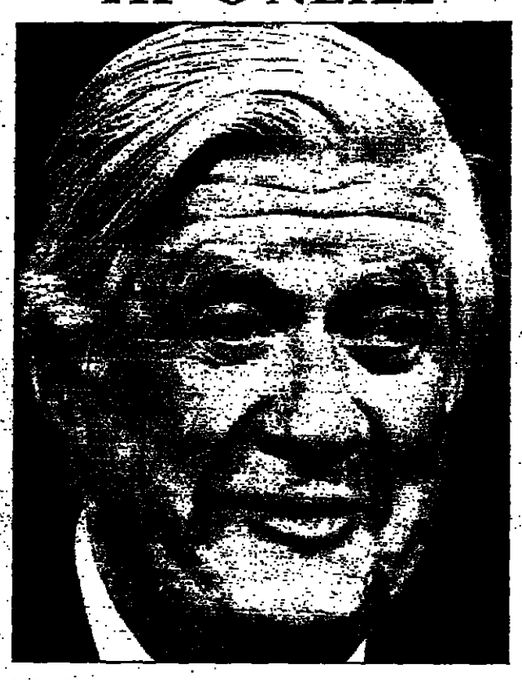
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OBITUARIES

TIP O'NEILL





Thomas Philip ("Tip") O'Neill, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, 1977-86, died yesterday aged 81. He was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on December 19, 1912.

ON THE surface Tip O'Neill, as he was invariably known, appeared a survivor from a bygone age of American politics — and he certainly looked the part. A great grizzly bear of a man, with a florid, bulbous face and a mane of shaggy white hair above his massive frame, he could have been a casting director's dream of a character actor in the role of an earthy Irish-American city boss. He genuinely enjoyed a game of poker and he was never averse to deals in smoke-filled rooms.

The truth, however, was that he was a highly sophisticated political operator who did much to mould the Washington legislative machine to meet the needs of the 1980s. As the senior Democrat in the nation's capital he was an effective counter-balance to Ronald Reagan. He was easy to make fun of but for several years, while enjoying very little international fame, he could plausibly claim to have been the second most powerful man in the United States. Thomas Philip O'Neill's nickname was borrowed from a baseball player who made his reputation, not by the dramatic scoring of runs, but by cunning in exploiting the tactics of the game.

A Boston bricklayer's son, O'Neill got into politics early. At 24 he was a member of the state legislature, in which he served for 16 years, latterly as its Speaker. One of his unfulfilled ambitions was to become Governor of his own home state of Massachusetts.

Locally, of course, he had to live under the shadow of the Kennedys. By the time he was first elected to Congress, Jack Kennedy, with his victory over Henry Cabot Lodge in the 1952 Senate race, was already on his way to the White House. It was, in fact, his old seat in the House of Representatives that Tip O'Neill used as his passport to Washington. Not that he was under any illusions about the three Kennedy brothers. He used ruefully to relate how Joe Kennedy himself once told him: "Look, never expect any appreciation from my boys. These kids have so much done for them by other people that they just assume it's coming to them."

Once in Washington, O'Neill quickly built on his parliamentary experience at the state level. By the time he became Majority Leader (the number two post in the House), a month or two after the 1972 election, he had accumulated a wealth of political skill. For the Democrats this came in very useful when the Watergate scandal broke. He had never made any secret of his feelings about Richard Nixon and he was the first member of the Democratic leadership to call for the embattled President's resignation.

Watergate diminished the office of President and, to some extent, Congress enhanced its powers to fill the vacuum. Part of O'Neill's contribution was to strip committee chairmen of much of the dictatorial power for which they were famous. And, for all his love of the old ways, he recognised that the old-fashioned "fixing" that took place behind the scenes over cigars and spittoons was gradually being replaced by more sophisticated kinds of lobbying.

He became Speaker of the House in 1977, and was well established there when President Reagan, a man roughly the same age but with only a fraction of his political experience, arrived in the White House in 1981. Their respective views of the American dream were very different and O'Neill was in a position to challenge the Californian Republican's way of balancing the nation's books. Reagan, he said, was robbing the poor to give to the rich.

The job of an American Speaker, very different from the expected impartiality of his opposite number in the House of Commons, gave ample scope for O'Neill to influence party policy. Like Ronald Reagan, he had grown up during the Depression and had supported Roosevelt's New Deal. Unlike the President, however, he still believed in its underlying liberal ethos.

The two men's confrontation was dramatised when the President made an unprecedented visit to Capitol Hill to meet the Speaker to try to organise a compromise over the White House's stalled 1983 budget. They were to clash again over the Administration's at first overt and then covert support for the Contras and, towards the end of O'Neill's House reign, over Irangate. But they still were usually able to get on well enough at the personal level — "after 6pm", as Reagan characteristically put it. O'Neill was perhaps less inclined to emphasise the cordiality of their relationship in the volume of memoirs, *Man of the House*, he published in 1987, the year after his retirement. That appropriately folksy book, for which O'Neill was said to have been paid $1 million, easily climbed up the bestseller lists in America but caused barely a ripple on the other side of the Atlantic.

In this country O'Neill was probably best known for his pronouncements (not always regarded as helpful by the British Government) on Ireland.

Representing, as he did, a district in South Boston there was never any doubt of the Speaker's attachment to the ideal of a united Ireland and he raised a storm when he visited both Dublin and Belfast in 1979. Yet, like his fellow Irishman, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and in contrast to the Kennedys, he was always strong in his condemnation of violence.

O'Neill married in 1941 Mildren (Millie) Anne Miller. He is survived by her and by their three sons and two daughters.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR JOHN NELSON

Major-General Sir John Nelson, KCVO, CB, DSO, OBE, MC, the GOC London District and Major-General commanding the Household Brigade, 1962-65, and GOC Berlin, 1966-68, died on December 23 aged 81. He was born on June 15, 1912.

JOHN NELSON was an outstanding character and a man of extraordinary paradox. The obverse side of his personality showed the highly professional fighting soldier of the Grenadier Guards with immense battle experience, three times wounded and awarded the DSO and MC — a byword for courage and inspiring leadership, devoted to his men, and they to him.

The reverse side showed a kind, deeply caring person, whose aim in life was to improve the opportunities for young people and to give a helping hand to the less fortunate members of society and its misfits. The link between these two seemingly contradictory facets was his strong commitment and devotion to the Christian faith and its moral code by which he lived.

The paradox did not end there. Always forthright and direct, he had great warmth of personality and an attractive sense of humour, and yet he was a demanding taskmaster with a sharp temper. His anger would die as quickly as a summer storm, leaving no lingering resentment. He was hard on his officers, but intensely loyal to those who served him well.

The son of Roland Hugh Nelson, a noted Cambridge oarsman and coach, Eustace John Blois Nelson was educated at Eton, rowing for the college at Henley in 1930, and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he gained an honours degree in history.

He was commissioned into the Grenadier Guards in 1933, and first saw active service with the 3rd Battalion in the retreat to Dunkirk in 1940. He escaped from the beaches by swimming out to an abandoned barge, in which he and two Sapper officers managed to reach England.

His real war started in November 1942, when his 3 Company of 3rd Grenadiers sailed for the Allied invasion of French North Africa as part of 6th Armoured division. He was immediately involved in the abortive initial rush for Tunis, and led his company in the fighting around Medjez-el-Bab, the vital "longstop" feature, and at Djebel Mansour. The 6th Armoured Division was the fire brigade on the Tunisian front and was rushed south to block Rommel's attack through the Kasserine Pass after the Americans had collapsed. The 3rd Grenadiers helped to block the road to Sbiba and stopped 21st Panzer division in its tracks. Nelson was badly wounded when his carrier struck a mine. He was awarded the MC, and Tunis fell before he was fit enough to return to 3 Company. Such was its spirit under his leadership that the Nelson Club was formed after the war for all its members, who dine together each year. Twenty-two survivors were present at the 1993 dinner.



He next saw action on the Anzio beach-head. Successive COs of 5th Grenadiers had become casualties, when he was summoned from Tunisia to take command, although he was not yet fully recovered from his wounds. He arrived at the time when the Allies first tried to break out from their beach-head at the end of January 1944. The British task was to take Campoleone station on the road to Rome. Nelson's battalion was to lead with an attack to clear the start line. Disaster struck. His four company commanders were coming forward to meet him for orders when they ran into a German position. He was left with only 11 officers and his battalion had already lost 150 men. It had to be withdrawn so that he could reorganise it. Nevertheless he had it back in action a week later, helping to stem Hitler's ferocious counter-offensive designed to push the Allies back into the sea.

Wounded for a second time, he was sent back to the 3rd Battalion on the Cassino front to take over command as soon as he was fit. Monte Cassino had just fallen and 6th Armoured Division was advancing up Italy, bypassing Rome and heading for the Gothic Line. During the long advance, his battalion fought a series of actions to clear dominating high ground to enable the tanks to push on. He was wounded for the third and last time when on reconnaissance near Perugia. He was awarded the DSO for his services in Italy.

Immediately the war ended, he stood unsuccessfully as Conservative candidate for Whitechapel in the 1945 general election, hoping to be of service to the under-privileged, but in such a seat his aspirations were doomed. He returned to soldiering, and formed and commanded the 1st Guards Parachute Battalion, which he took to Palestine on anti-terrorist operations during the Jewish rebellion. Four of his men were murdered by the Stern Gang, but he had the satisfaction of several successful operations against them. His Guards paratroopers became as important to him as his old 3 Company.

After a short period in the War Office, he was given command of 1st Grenadier Guards in Tripoli, 1950-52; and was then specially employed as a GSO1 in the planning of the Queen's coronation. Promoted full colonel in 1954 he was posted to the Planning Staff of the Nato Standing Group in Washington where he had the awkward task of explaining the British position during the Suez crisis to his sceptical American colleagues. A year at the Imperial Defence College in 1958 brought him to the command of 4th Guards Brigade where he showed himself to be a great innovator in the approach to the ending of National Service.

With his professional reputation and wide experience of the Brigade of Guards, he was a natural choice for appointment as GOC London District and Major-General commanding the Household Brigade in 1962. During his tenure, he carried through the reorganisation of the Guards regiments onto an all-regular basis; he masterminded, in conjunction with the Duke of Norfolk, the arrangements for Churchill's funeral; and he oversaw the completion of the rebuilding of the Guards Chapel. In a lesser key, he managed to persuade the War Office to use some of his Guards paratroopers to form G Squadron SAS to keep the Guards connection with Special Forces alive.

His last appointment in the Army was GOC Berlin. In his downright but charismatic way, he had the satisfaction of recovering one of the engines from an advanced Soviet aircraft, which crashed into the Berlin lake, for examination at Farnborough without the Russians knowing that it had gone.

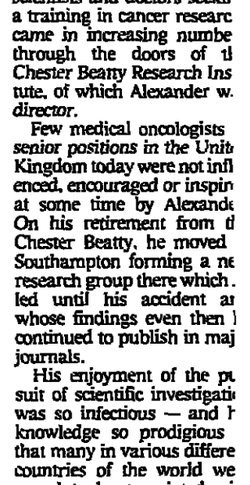
After he retired in 1968, Nelson devoted himself to helping others, particularly the young, in Outward Bound activities. He became a member of the Dulverton Trust, which he served for 30 years; chairman of the Youth Challenge Trust; vice-president of the National Playing Fields Association; and president of the Trident Trust. He was also associated with Fair Bridge (the amalgamation of Operation Drake and the Fair Bridge Trust), International Students House and the Ocean Youth Club. He set up his own trust to find places for young people from overseas, and applied the spur to many other organisations which he felt were under-performing.

He moved to Appin in Argyllshire in 1975 and devoted himself to the welfare of the local people.

In 1936 he married Lady Jane FitzRoy, elder daughter of Viscount Ipswich and sister of the 9th Duke of Grafton. They had two daughters. They and his wife survive him.

PETER ALEXANDER

Professor Peter Alexander, a pioneer in cancer research, died on December 14 aged 71. He was born on January 27, 1922.



FOR those who knew Peter Alexander well it will come as no surprise that he continued to work until the day of his death. Ever since a skiing accident had confined him to a wheelchair in 1989, he had divided his time between an office on his farm in Devon and continuing research interests which took him one day a week to the Department of Medical Oncology at the University of Southampton.

A man of enormous vitality and intellectual dynamism, he rearranged his life soon after he found that he was to be seriously incapacitated, resigning himself to being "just an intellectual". Few people of his age, paralysed almost from the neck downwards, survive for long after their accident. Alexander's life hung in the balance for some weeks after a desperate dash home from Switzerland. Not once did his wife's faith in his recovery waver and, as his consciousness returned, nor did his.

During a long period of rehabilitation when he was forced to lie flat on his back his enthusiasm for science left friends and colleagues overwhelmed by requests for articles, journals and, most importantly, dialogue. He had never before had so much free time in which he could inform himself, and he was determined not to waste it. In the years that followed the breadth of his scientific knowledge, his enthusiasm for discovery and his interest in biological phenomena continued to inspire those around him.

Although born in Munich, where his father was a publisher, coming to England in his childhood with his family, he soon eschewed his German origins.

He was educated at University College School, Hampstead, and then at Imperial College, London, where he graduated with an honours degree in chemistry in 1941. During the war years, he continued to work at Imperial College, gaining a PhD in 1943. It was inevitable that his talents would not go unnoticed and he was drawn into war-related investigations under the direction of Professors H. V. A. Briscoe and G. I. Finch.

Immediately after the war, he joined the textile firm of Wolsey as a research manager and it was the problem of how to straighten wool which led him to learn about the effects of radiation and new chemical compounds (which later proved to be anti-cancer agents).

His monograph *Wool — Its Chemistry and Physics* ran to three editions but it was his background research which must have drawn him to the attention of the then director of the Institute of Cancer Research, Alexander Haddow, who promptly recruited him.

During the next three decades at the Institute of Cancer Research, Alexander was to demonstrate his extraordinary ability to master an understanding of different areas of science. He became, first, a radiobiologist, writing a standard textbook, *Fundamentals of Radiobiology* with Z. M. Bacq. His research earned a DSc from the University of London and he went on to become Reader and then Professor in Radiobiology and head of the Department of Radiobiology.

Climbing the Matterhorn filled a brief break from research. This he did with a friend, rejecting a guide as being likely to spoil their enjoyment of the climb.

In the 1960s immunology was a relatively primitive research tool but Alexande recognised the potential fc studying cancer cells in mor detail than had previousl been possible and there fo lowed a major change in h research interests.

He became director of tl Division of Tumour Immunc ogy at the Royal Marsde Hospital's Surrey branch ar shortly afterwards joine forces with Gordon Hamilto Fairley, a physician at ! Bartholomew's Hospital ar the Royal Marsden, to see ways of using tumour imm nology in the treatment human cancers.

This friendship had fa reaching consequences fo while Peter Alexander was fountain of ideas, Hamilto Fairley had a keen sense f those with practical potentia Research flourished so th scientists and doctors seekir a training in cancer researc came in increasing numbe through the doors of tl Chester Beatty Research Ins tute, of which Alexander w. director.

Few medical oncologists senior positions in the Unit Kingdom today were not infl enced, encouraged or inspir at some time by Alexande On his retirement from tl Chester Beatty, he moved Southampton forming a ne research group there which led until his accident a whose findings even then continued to publish in maj journals.

His enjoyment of the pu suit of scientific investigatio was so infectious — and h knowledge so prodigious that many in various differe countries of the world we proud to be associated wi him.

Only perhaps those few wi suffered from his incisi questioning, all-too-often r vealing the fragility of the work, counted themselves ou though even they could fir their deliverance in his sen of humour.

The director of the Ame can Central Intelligence Age cy was plainly not of th company — since he total failed to reply to a letter se by Alexander enclosing a nc he had received from tl Moscow Academy of Scienc after rejecting their invitatic to become a member because of the Soviet invasic of Czechoslovakia. The no claimed that he was known the Russian authorities as member of the CIA. Alexand promptly sent the note Langley, Virginia, with a r quest for back pay.

He received many academ honours in his lifetime b none properly recognised tl richness he contributed British science nor his capa ty for leadership and inspir tion.

He is survived by his wi June, a son and tw daughters.

IN yesterday's obituary should have been made cle that Brian Johnston was n only appointed OBE in 19 but promoted CBE in 1991.

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Notwithstanding the immense number of people who visited Greenwich on Sunday, to pay their tribute of melancholy respect at the temporary shrine of the departed Hero, thousands of whom were gratified by admission to the solemn spectacle, and many other thousands of whom went away unsatisfied, as finding an entrance wholly impracticable; still the concourse there yesterday was even greater than on Sunday; and from the first time of opening the side wickets of the great Western Gate, at nine in the morning, through each subsequent opening, until their close, at four in the afternoon, the rushing torrent of the multitude was so impetuous, that numbers experienced disasters similar to those which on Sunday were so numerous, and in many instances so severely unfortunate: many were crushed in a dreadful manner, in the competition for entrance through passages so narrow; others were beaten down by the impetuosity of those who rushed forward from behind, and were severely trampled — in many cases, almost to death. Shoes, pattens, muffs, tippets, coat-sleeves, skirts of pelices and gowns, without number, were despoiled from their owners, and trampled in the mud; and, though the guard were more numerous, more vigilant and peremptory, than on Sunday, still it was scarcely possible to check the impetuosity of the multitude, or prevent the entrances to the Great Hall from being carried by force. Within, however, all was conducted with order. The Volunteers posted in the area of the elevated saloon, round the farther end of which the spectators passed to view the coffin, continued to urge onward the multitude at a quick pace; so that none could indulge more than a short and sorrowful glance at that mournful casket which contained, perhaps, the most brilliant of all the gems that ever decorated the naval crown of England. The distinctions of rank were forgotten in the general avidity to pay the last melancholy honours to the Hero's remains; and though curiosity be the ruling passion of *John Bull*, it was, on this occasion, marked by feelings that do honour to his heart. Amongst the visitants of yesterday were numbers of high rank and fashion; her Grace of Devonshire, and many of her noble friends, were in the throng. A vast number of Military Officers also attended to pay their last tribute of respect to departed heroism, and to contemplate the noblest stimulus to gallant deeds.

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Lord Nelson's coffin was later moved by barge, flanked by gunboats, to St Paul's where it was borne into the cathedral by eight seamen of the Victory, escorted by ten admirals supporting the pall and canopy.

NEWS

Fight to salvage 'basics' campaign

■ John Major strove to rescue his crusade for a return to traditional values as he rejected suggestions that it had been derailed by the resignation of Tim Yeo as a minister.

But the Prime Minister provoked confusion by declaring that his "back to basics" campaign, launched at the party conference in the autumn, was "not a crusade about personal morality and was never presented as such"..... **Pages 1, 2**

Village is slipping away

■ Villagers of Franklands in East Sussex can only stand and watch as their homes slip daily further into a ravine. One said: "When it rains in the night we jump out of bed and look out to see if our houses have slipped further." Homes in the woodland village near Haywards Heath have been slipping down the hill at 6in a day during the heavy rains..... **Pages 1, 3**

Pope's dilemma

Britain's Roman Catholics are waiting for a translation of the first new catechism in 400 years because the Pope is unable to resolve an argument over whether Jesus should be "human" instead of "man"..... **Page 1**

PC shooting claim

PC Mark Toker, 25, told the Old Bailey of the moment when he came face to face with a gunman who shot him three times. He was giving evidence about two men accused of attempted murder and causing an explosion..... **Page 5**

Women's fear

Women are now so frightened of attack that they are reluctant to go for a walk, Dr Jacqueline Burgess, of University College, London, told the Institute of British Geographers..... **Page 5**

Germans not invited

Germany will not be represented at the fiftieth anniversary commemoration in June of the D-Day landings in Normandy, John Major said..... **Page 6**

Bedsit danger

A rapist who targeted women living in bedsits subjected a university graduate and a dental student to violent and humiliating ordeals as they returned home, a court was told..... **Page 3**

Drug row

Two mothers whose children died from drug abuse have criticised a new government campaign seeking to put parents in the front line of the drugs war..... **Page 8**

Asbestos risk

Asbestos-related deaths, which had been expected to decline by the end of the century, will triple, according to the Institute of Cancer Research..... **Page 7**

Spiking joyriders

A new police weapon that spreads a line of needle-sharp spikes into the path of cars being driven by joyriders or other criminals has had its first success..... **Page 7**

Dialogue resumed

Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation ended a week-long crisis when they agreed to resume their dialogue on Monday in the Egyptian resort of Taba..... **Page 9**

President bereaved

With the death of Bill Clinton's mother, Virginia Kelley, the President has been deprived of his staunchest supporter and his White House of one of its most colourful figures..... **Page 10**

Late Christmas

It is Christmas Day in Moscow today and Russians are gathering for family celebrations when, for the first time for more than three-quarters of a century, the state is officially marking the Russian Orthodox Christmas..... **Page 12**

Mass grave plea

Madeleine Albright, the American ambassador to the United Nations, demanded that UN war crimes investigators be allowed to exhume a mass grave close to the devastated Croatian town of Vukovar..... **Page 13**

Everyday story of protesting folk

■ Angry protesters have written to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, demanding that he intervene to free the Ambridge One. In *The Archers* Susan Carter, the mother of two young children, was jailed for six months after pleading guilty to helping her brother, Clive Horrobin, escape while he was being sought on a charge of armed robbery..... **Page 3**



Inland Revenue typists met in London to protest at plans to contract their work out. Under the slogan *Keep It Confidential*, Clive Brooke, general secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation said confidentiality would no longer be guaranteed

BUSINESS

High streets: Dixons Group surprised the stockmarket with a profits warning after a dramatic fall in sales of computer games hit Christmas trading..... **Page 21**

Investments: The life assurance industry watchdog has fined the Life Association of Scotland Group £145,000 for "serious failures" in compliance with its rules. The fine is the second biggest ever imposed by Lautro..... **Page 21**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 23.8 points to close at 3,403.0. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 82.2 after a rise from $1.4867 to $1.4880 and from DM2.5854 to DM2.5893..... **Page 24**

SPORT

Ice skating: Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean have decided to dance again. Simon Barnes watches the preparations..... **Page 40**

Rugby union: Kyran Bracken and Jeremy Guscott, neither of whom have played since November, have been included in England's training squad for the five nations' championship..... **Page 36**

Skiing: A year to the day since leaving for hospital with an injury so serious that it ended her season, Pernilla Wiberg won a World Cup slalom..... **Page 35**

Cricket: Fanie de Villiers took ten wickets in his second Test as South Africa beat Australia by five runs..... **Page 38**

Comeback I: The return of the *particule* — how French aristos are making a return..... **Page 14**

Comeback II: If I know the man, he will not go quietly — Libby Purves on Brian Redhead..... **Page 14**

Money matters: How should we fund the arts..... **Page 15**

Sales drive: Jaguar roars on to reliability..... **Page 33**

Empty back seat: A cautionary tale that could have ended as an accident statistic..... **Page 33**

Jobs: Opportunities from information technology..... **Page 28**

Paint power: A proposal has been put forward for turning the Bankside Power Station, on the Thames opposite St Paul's, into a Tate museum of modern art. The proposal would include a new Thames pedestrian bridge..... **Page 29**

Flute remade: A production of *The Magic Flute* at the Barbican updates the dialogue and reorchestrates Mozart's score..... **Page 29**

Racist taunt: The British pop business has been accused of inbuilt racism. Its critics point out that, although Britain produces many successful pop performers, black British artists with long-standing careers are conspicuous by their absence..... **Page 31**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Al Gore, the US vice-president, said that "the security of the states between Nato and the former Soviet Union affects the security of America" **Pages 1, 11**



Peter Malkin who abducted his son and took him to Egypt, was arrested on his return to Heathrow and could face two years jail **Page 1**



Diane Mostyn, 28, a policewoman, who vanished from a mother and baby unit at Central Middlesex Hospital suffering post-natal depression **Page 2**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

For those in peril

■ Libby Purves pauses at the Boat Show's RNLI stand, paying tribute to those who make our lifeboat service the envy of the world..... **Weekend**

Wines to watch in '94

■ Jane MacQuitty presents her choice of the best buys of the coming year — prices will increase, she warns, but so will choice and quality..... **Weekend**

What happened to dissent?

■ Peter Barnard casts a critical view at the current crop of novels, plays and television series — and asks why it all has to be so bland

Martin Shaw returns as the pressured chief constable in a new *The Chief* series (ITV, 9pm)..... **Page 39**

Back to basics

Quite needlessly, a short-lived embarrassing incident for the Government has been turned by the Prime Minister into a political furore. Left to itself, the Tim Yeo story would have died down within days..... **Page 17**

Shoulder to the wheel

The President seems to have learnt a lot about the dangers and challenges facing Europe — and the importance of facing them if America is to remain prosperous and secure..... **Page 17**

The Ambridge One

At a time when penal policy is a matter of controversy, even Soaps have a part to play..... **Page 17**

EDWARD LEIGH

By April we shall have higher taxation, less sovereignty, weaker defence, less law and order, more social security, a weaker Monarchy and Church, and less support for the Union than any Labour Government has dared to contemplate. Is this Tory government?.. **Page 16**

ROGER BOYES

It is unacceptable for the West to allow Russia to set terms for Nato entry, and reckless for the West to accept Moscow's interpretation of security needs. Yet President Clinton's soggy "Partnership for Peace" does precisely that..... **Page 16**

The Eastern European nations' hopes of joining Nato..... **Page 17**

North Korea is not just some hostile country that could yet be made a neighbourly one, but a deviant totalitarian state constituting a menace to peace. Its government is famous for its secrecy and deceptions and for committing horrendous acts — *The Washington Post*

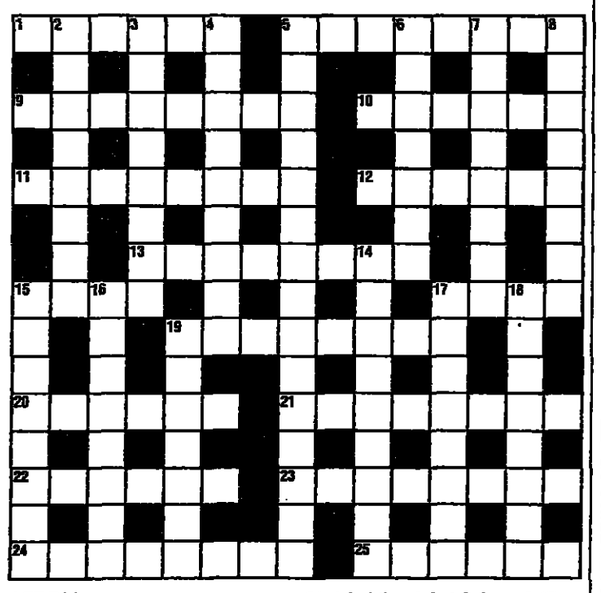
What the political system needs, what the American people deserve and what the integrity of the presidency requires in the Whitewater case is a spotless probe.

— *Los Angeles Times*

Mexicans remember, far better than Americans do, what violent revoultion can be in the life of a nation. Mexico badly nees a vigorous, multi-party political system

— *Los Angeles Times*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,433



ACROSS

1 Put stopper on drink (6).
5 Remedy precisely prescribed (8).
9 One responsible for restoration of monarch by a couple of soldiers (8).
10 Outstanding girl returning as governess (6).
11 Passage with rejected quote is lamentable (8).
12 Demonstrate experiment using volunteers in turn at the start (6).
13 Anaesthetized without hesitation and counted out (8).
15 Climber giddily clutching the ice (4).
17 Desire for quiet sojourn in garden (4).
19 Property split by motorway getting backlash in valuation (8).
20 Advertises in features about the individual (6).
21 Admitting defeat, being soft (8).
22 Old monarch about to change tune (6).
23 Marriage, perhaps, after daughter abandons flirtation (8).
24 Exaggerates as in angler's recollection after the end of struggle (8).
25 Snarling red dog is one to avoid (6).

DOWN

2 Ground rent (8).
3 Notes assembled in object lessons (8).
4 Dickensian work liable to tax on a daily basis (4,5).
5 Old skiers certain to slide around edges of nursery (8,2,5).
6 Made an impact in the telling (7).
7 Footwear from north used in penalties taken on kick-off? (8).
8 Correct way to initiate one in the hunt (8).
14 Having a glossy coat, girl left and went ahead without me (9).
15 Sticker identifies package — service is on the bill inside (8).
16 Having reason to share almost everything (8).
17 Cape territory under Crown (8).
18 Vessel taking line aboard to make the point (8).
19 Eastern churchman uplifting one (7).

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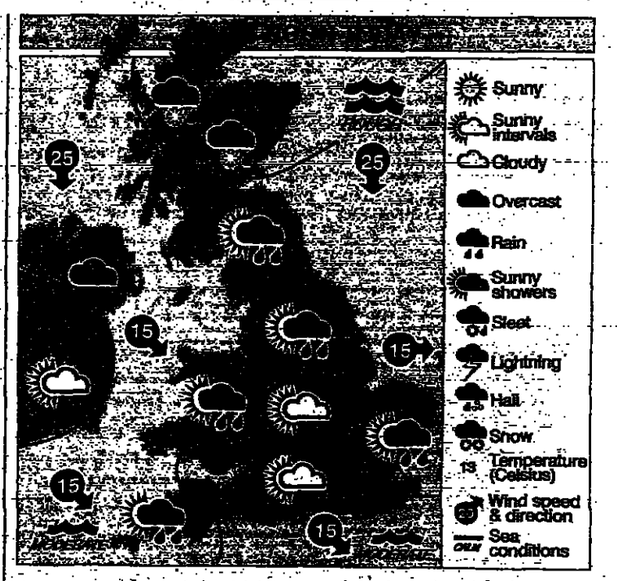
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☐ **Cent S, SE Eng, East Anglia and the Midlands:** Some fog patches slow to clear. Bright or sunny spells with scattered wintry showers. Light NW wind. Max 4C (39F), but 1C (34F) where fog persists.
☐ **E, Cent N, NE Eng, the Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee:** Bright spells with wintry showers. Wind NW moderate to fresh. Max 4C (39F).
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☐ **N Ireland:** Bright or sunny spells, showers; dying out this evening. Wind N moderate to fresh, becoming light and variable. Max 5C (41F).
☐ **Outlook:** unsettled with rain or showers, though dry in E Eng for much of Saturday. Windy at times. Less cold by Sunday.

EUROPEAN TEMPERATURES

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 8.05 am
Sun sets: 4.09pm
Moon sets 12.20 pm
Moon rises 3.17 pm
New Moon January 11

London 4.09 pm to 8.05 am
Bristol 4.19 pm to 8.14 am
Edinburgh 3.57 pm to 8.47 am
Manchester 4.06 pm to 8.23 am
Penzance 4.37 pm to 8.20 am

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London Bridge	8.49	6.29	9.41	5.40	Liverpool	6.27	7.98	6.59	8.11
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Belfast	6.23	3.02	6.50	3.26	Milford Haven	1.10	5.77	1.45	5.90
Cardiff	1.41	10.0	2.18	10.2	Newquay	12.10	5.90	12.45	5.90
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Holyhead	11.51	1.99	—	—	Southampton	6.13	4.10	6.32	3.97
Hull	12.54	6.58	1.52	6.35	Swansea	1.15	7.98	1.50	7.97
Ilfracombe	12.50	7.61	1.28	7.73	Tees	11.20	4.55	11.49	4.68
King's Lynn	1.02	5.70	1.59	5.40	Wilton-on-Nze	8.34	3.72	7.28	3.64
Leith	10.03	4.84	10.36	4.91					

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Life firm fined for inadequate recruitment policy

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation has fined the Life Association of Scotland Group £145,000 for "serious failures" in compliance with its rules. The fine is the second-biggest ever imposed by Lautro.

Lautro's disciplinary committee found LAS guilty of failing to comply with *Lautro's Principle 9*, which says that a firm must organise and control its affairs in a *responsible manner* by ensuring that its company representatives are suitable.

This arose in spite of earlier warnings by Lautro compliance enforcement staff that LAS's recruitment procedures were not up to scratch.

In October, LAS was taken over by Glasgow-based Britannia Life. Britannia Building Society's life insurance arm. Gavin Stewart, deputy managing director of Britannia Life, said that the company had been aware of the impending charges before the takeover and had received an indemnity from the previous owner, ING, the Dutch insurance and banking group.

Lautro reviewed a sample of recruitment files for June 1990 to September 1992 and found 35 appointments in breach of Lautro rules because references where not satisfactory. The 35 individuals were suspended.

Although five staff were subsequently reinstated, Britannia dismissed the entire LAS direct sales force in November and "LAS was integrated into Britannia".

Lautro's investigation of recruitment found that insufficient weight was given to the views of LAS's compliance department.

LAS was fined £135,000, plus costs of £16,000, for breaking recruitment rules and a further £10,000 for a misleading advertisement campaign called the "Pensions Time Bomb", now withdrawn.

Lautro's biggest fine was £160,000, imposed on Interlife Assurance last year for persuading hundreds of nurses to leave their employer's scheme and buy less attractive policies.

☐ Kit Jebens, Lautro's chief executive, said yesterday that he has written to chief executives of life assurance firms telling them that investors should be compensated if an enquiry shows that they received incorrect advice to transfer pensions into inferior private plans. Mr Jebens said that if incorrect advice resulted in lower benefits for a client, firms should, if necessary, make "arrangements for the shortfall to be made up to a reasonable level".

The letter follows a report commissioned by the Securities and Investments Board that found that 91 per cent of pension transfers failed to comply fully with industry rules. The report, by KPMG, the accountant, was published last month.

Mr Jebens said that a client deciding to transfer a pension must give written authority, and the reasons for an opt-out or transfer must be clearly explained. Where the pension transfer or opt-out was introduced in the last 12 months, an investigation should be immediately carried out to assess whether advice complied with Lautro rules. If the results show that the advice was incorrect, *immediate action* should be taken to advise clients properly and, if necessary, return them to the occupational pension scheme if possible.

Analysts estimate that mistakes made in the selling of pension plans may have affected 100,000 people and could cost life insurance companies up to £1 billion in compensation.

Plummeting games sales shake Dixons

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

■ Dixons profits warning follows a dramatic fall in sales and margins of computer games and contradicts anecdotal evidence of a high street recovery

DIXONS Group surprised the market yesterday by issuing a profits warning after a dramatic fall in sales of computer games hit Christmas trading at the leading electrical retailer. The news depressed the shares, which slumped 43p to 240p as analysts downgraded full-year forecasts by up to £20 million to about £75 million.

Dixons' disappointing Christmas contradicted anecdotal evidence of a recovery on the high street and dragged down other retail stocks. Shares in Kingfisher, owner of Comet, Dixons' main competitor, fell 15p to 747p.

John Clare, Dixons' newly promoted chief executive, said sales in the first seven weeks of the second half, which includes Christmas and the first week of the January sale, were similar to last year. However, an increase in sales of brown goods were offset by lower sales of computer games and camcorders, which showed spectacular growth last year. "In 1992 the computer games market doubled and in 1993 it halved," he said. Computer games accounted for just 9 per cent of sales over the Christmas period, compared with 16 per cent last year.

Although volumes were down, the real pain was caused by the sharp drop in prices. Mr Clare admitted Dixons was forced to lower its prices in response to intense competition. "Last year we sold the Sega Megadrive gift set for £160. This year we bought the packs to sell at £129 but in mid-November Woolworths started selling them at £99. We had no choice but to follow suit."

Mr Clare said demand for televisions, videos and hi-fi equipment had been healthy and that overall sales, excluding computer games, had in fact risen by 9 per cent.

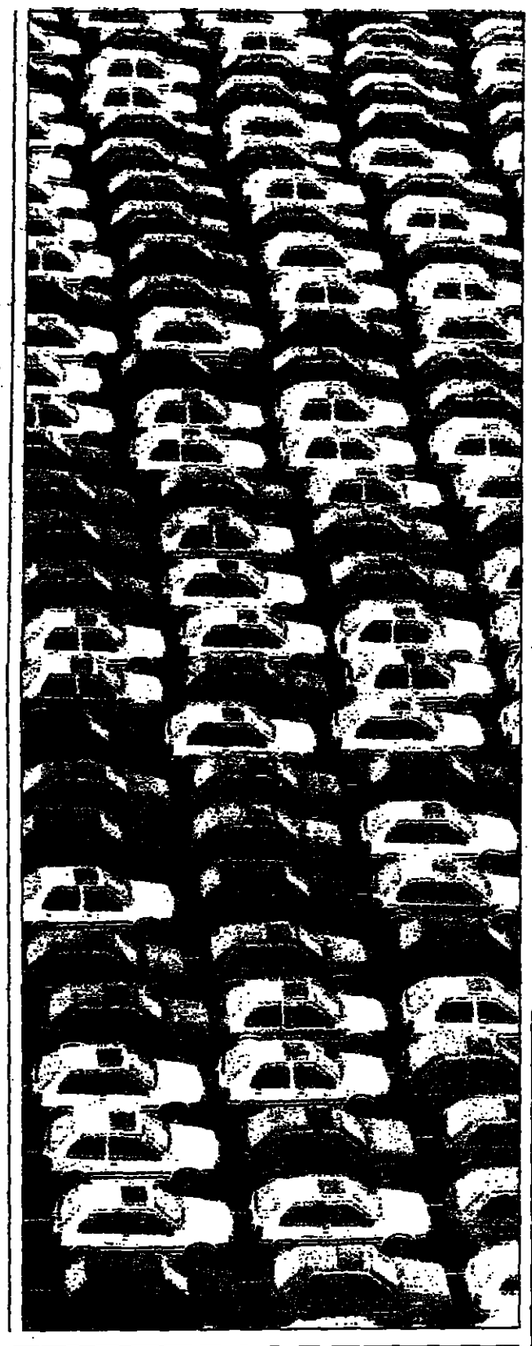
The worse-than-expected performance over Christmas forced the group to bring forward the announcement of its interim results which showed a pre-tax loss of £197 million for the six months to November 13, against a £14 million profit last time. However, the loss came after an exceptional charge of £211 million for the disposal of the Silo electrical chain in America to Fretter. The interim dividend is lifted from 1.6p to 1.7p, a rise of 6 per cent.

Operating profit at the group's Currys, Dixons and PC World chains rose 3 per cent to £19.4 million (£18.9 million) on sales 13 per cent ahead at £642.9 million (£568.3 million). Mr Clare said gross margins remained under pressure. "There's no doubt Comet has been leading the way in terms of lowering prices," he said.

Dixons and Currys lifted sales by 8 per cent against the backdrop of a fairly flat electricals market, gaining a percentage point in market share to about 20 per cent. The star performer was the Currys Superstore chain of out-of-town stores which increased sales by 28 per cent. Mr Clare says the group will continue to expand these outlets to drive growth. Twelve new Superstores were opened in the first half, bringing the total to 145 giving more than 1 million sq ft of selling space. Silo reported operating losses of $19.8 million ($26.2 million loss). Like-for-like sales were up 6 per cent, but gross margins continued to fall.

Analysts said Dixons' Christmas trading statement was likely to prove the exception rather than the rule for other retailers. Rod Whitehead, of Goldman Sachs, said: "They have been affected by special circumstances." His opinion was borne out by Boots which reported a 7.2 per cent rise in sales in the three months to December — broadly in line with expectations. Boots The Chemists was up 6.3 per cent, Halfords rose by 10.1 per cent thanks to strong bicycle sales, and Children's World increased by 28.7 per cent. Do It All, the DIY joint venture with WH Smith, lifted sales by 2 per cent. Boots shares slipped 5p to 582p.

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Recovery in car market starts to accelerate

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

HOPES of sustained economic recovery should get a boost from figures, due today, showing that new car sales rose by more than 11 per cent last year. The statistics, from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT), are widely regarded as a barometer of the nation's economic health.

The pattern of recovery in new car sales is still patchy. Figures for the traditionally quiet month of December are understood to be slightly down on those of the "artificially inflated" December 1992. The 1993 total, however, is expected to advance to about 1.77 million, against 1.59 million for 1992. Better times appear to lie ahead for the motor industry, after the sales slump in 1990 and 1991 that saw large stocks of unsold vehicles build up at plants such as Nissan's, in Sunderland (left).

Registrations in the first 11 months of 1993 rose by 12.6 per cent, against a fall of 14.7 per cent in western Europe over the same period.

The SMMT predicts that new car sales in 1994 could reach 1.86 million: other, more optimistic, forecasts suggest that they could climb as high as 1.95 million. "We seem to be well out of the recession now, although we'll have to overcome the effects of tax increases which will come in in April," it said.

The automotive industry still has some way to go to emulate the heady days of the late 1980s. Sales exceeded two million in 1987 and reached a peak of 2.3 million in 1989.

The Department of Transport's latest figures on new car registrations, issued yesterday, showed a jump of more than 19 per cent, to 129,000, in the 12 months to November.

But the motor industry is likely to face another challenging year, despite signs of recovery on the domestic front.

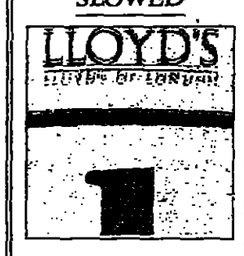
The UK remains the only significant western European market in which new car sales are rising, albeit from a depressed level. Motor vehicle markets on the Continent remain depressed and UK manufacturers face the prospect of increased competition from manufacturers in France, Germany and Italy, which have been targeting Britain to make up for lost sales elsewhere.

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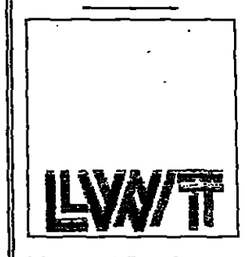
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German central bank holds interest rates

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bundesbank left its official interest rates unchanged yesterday and announced an unchanged rate on its key money market repurchase rate until January 19, the day before its next policy-making council meeting.

The decision not to ease monetary policy any further came as the Berlin-based DIW economic institute, often critical of the German central bank's strict anti-inflation line, said that Bundesbank policies "are costing many jobs because they are prolonging and deepening the recession".

After yesterday's meeting, the discount rate was left at 5.75 per cent, and the less important Lombard rate at 6.75 per cent. The Bundesbank also left the repo rate at 6 per cent. Economists still believe rates could be cut at the next meeting.

☐ *Sterling maintained* its strength against the mark, despite the German currency moving slightly higher. The pound briefly hit DM2.5900, its highest since July last year.

Independent staff seek details

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

JOURNALISTS on the *Independent* and the *Independent on Sunday* will today press the management of Newspaper Publishing, the papers' controlling company, for more details of their plans to sell a minority stake in the group to a rival Fleet Street publisher.

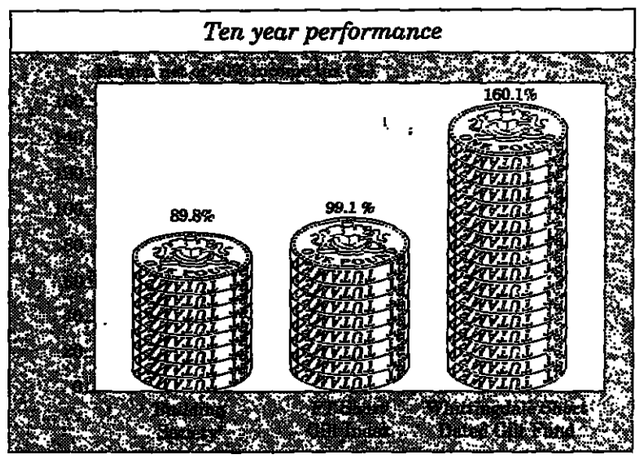
A spokesman for the National Union of Journalists at the *Independent* said that staff hoped to hold discussions, both with representatives of Patrick Morrissey, the company's new chief executive, and with Andreas Whittam Smith, the editor, who are formulating rival business plans to raise fresh capital for the company and halt the slide in the two papers' circulation.

The spokesman said: "The staff need to be carried with the management. We cannot afford for it to be a them-and-us situation." As it now seems inevitable that plans led by Mr Morrissey to attract new City investment have failed, journalists are demanding to know which publishing group both camps on the board favour. Front runners include the *Telegraph* and Mirror Group Newspapers.

A spokesman from Independent Newspapers, the Dublin-based publisher of the *Irish Independent*, Ireland's biggest-selling daily paper, confirmed last night that Tony O'Reilly, the chairman, had also recently been in negotiations with Newspaper Publishing. The Irish company is looking to expand abroad to make it less vulnerable to takeover. Although Mr Whittam Smith has insisted that the two titles' freedom will not be compromised by any deal with new backers, staff are seeking ways of guaranteeing their participation in board decisions. They will hold a union meeting this afternoon.

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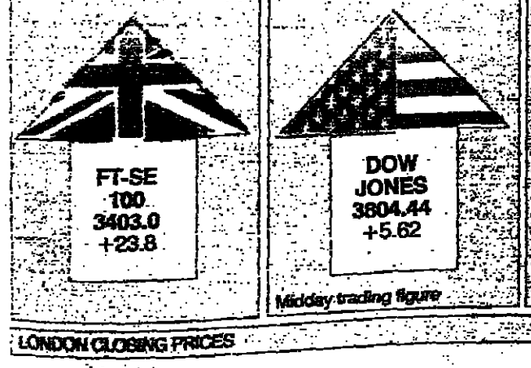
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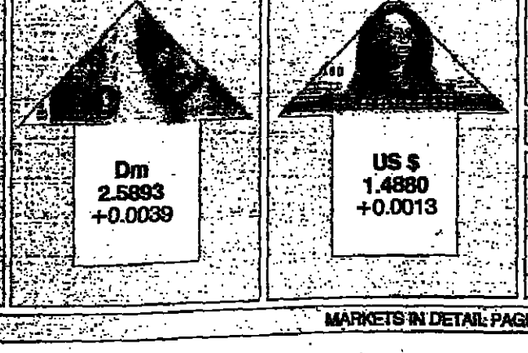
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$386.70 per oz.

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US poised to ease curbs on airline ownership

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

AMERICA is expected to relax rules governing foreign ownership of its airlines, raising the ceiling for voting rights in domestic carriers from 25 per cent to 49 per cent.

Federico Pena, the US transport secretary, yesterday outlined plans for a radical overhaul of the American aviation industry, described as the most sweeping since de-regulation in 1978. But the US has pledged to be much tougher in applying the new rules, extending them only to airlines of those countries that offer American carriers reciprocal access to their markets. Market access has been a key hurdle in the fraught discussions between Britain and the US during talks on a new aviation agreement to replace the existing Bermuda II pact.

That agreement is expected to shape BA's future investment in USAir, which now stands at almost 25 per cent. Tension erupted last month after the US granted permission for British Airways and USAir to fly as one airline into 28 US cities — but for only three more months. The approval is an extension of an earlier code-sharing permission granted for just six months and due to expire on January 14. Traditionally these agreements are given for a year at a time.

Britain threatened to ban some flights into Heathrow if the BA code-sharing arrangement was not extended. BA now has code-sharing flights into 66 US airports and wants to add a further 40 before November next year.

Senior executives of the US Transport and State Departments have said privately that they may not give further code sharing approvals and may even rescind existing BA-USAir arrangements unless Britain allows more access to Heathrow for American carriers.

The three-month extension — believed to be the shortest time US transport officials have granted such permission — expires on March 17, around the first anniversary of BA's initial $400 million investment in USAir and the date on which it had been hoped that Britain and the US would agree a new international agreement governing routes and airport access between the two countries. Talks virtually broke down last month and the Americans claim the two sides are as far apart as ever. The two were due to resume talks this month.

US officials say there is little evidence that Britain wants a fresh agreement with sweeping changes and claims to have been offered just one additional route a year into Heathrow for the next three years. One added: "The UK proposals have not adequately dealt with most of the core US issues, particularly access to Heathrow and the experience of this last round of talks creates doubt about whether the two sides have the same vision about where they are going and what constitutes a liberal agreement."

The latest US government proposals for an industry that has lost $10 billion since 1990 will include the controversial move to reorganise the traffic controllers away from the Federal Aviation Administration and into a new government corporation. Bankruptcy rules will also be amended to remove commercial advantages which allow airlines operating under the protection of the courts to launch price discount wars with competitors in the open market.

BT ordered to bring in quicker price cuts

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BT HAS been ordered to unveil the bulk of its annual price changes at the start of the price control period after a showdown between the company and Don Cruickshank, the new telecoms regulator.

Mr Cruickshank, the director general of telecommunications, is to change the licence of Britain's dominant telephone company to ensure that consumers benefit earlier from price cuts, currently running at £500 million a year.

Under a deal unveiled yesterday between BT and the regulator, at least half of all changes, by value, must be in place by November 1, just three months after the start of the price control period on August 1.

The change comes against a background of mounting annoyance on the part of the regulator at delays by BT in announcing price cuts during 1993-94. To date, BT has unveiled only £160 million of the £500 million reductions that it is obliged to achieve during the current year.

Mr Cruickshank said yesterday that he looked forward to BT announcing "in the very near future" reductions of a further £350 million scheduled for this year.

He added: "We have agreed with BT that, for the remaining three years of the current price control formula, price changes will be introduced in such a way as to be equivalent to a single price reduction on 1 November each year.

"This arrangement will be underpinned by an amendment to BT's operating licence."

The licence change is likely to be widely interpreted as a defeat for BT in its first confrontation with Mr Cruickshank, who succeeded Sir Bryan Carsberg as regulator last year.

BT directors yesterday played down the change, insisting that the company is already cutting charges faster and further than many international rivals. Such claims are likely to be closely examined by the regulator.

Under its price control formula, BT is obliged to reduce charges by an amount equal to inflation, as measured by the Retail Prices Index, minus 7.5 per cent. With inflation running at just 1.4 per cent a year, that is forcing BT to pass on substantial price cuts.

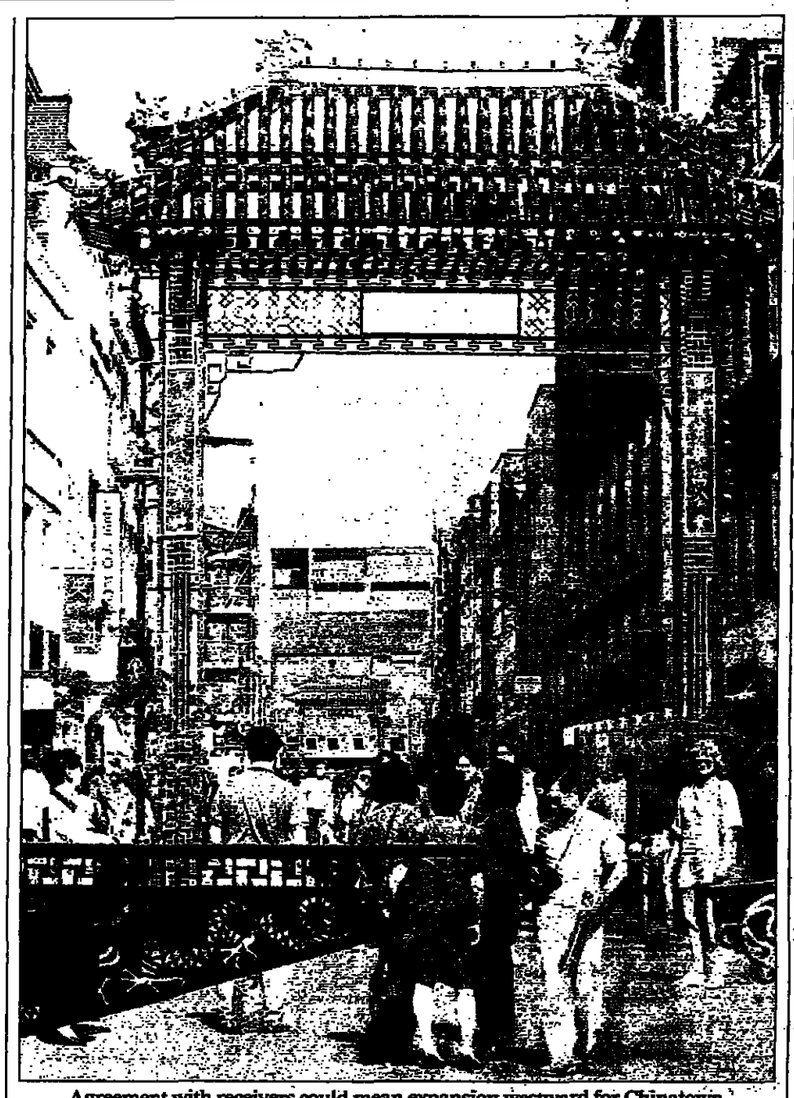
However, the telecoms group — which still handles 90 per cent of United Kingdom telephone traffic in spite of a rising challenge from Mercury and cable telephone operators to provide telephony to Britain's 20 million household subscribers — is making the cuts selectively to rebalance the structure of charges.

The overall aim is to maintain or increase the rental cost of lines, while reducing the cost of calls, so that customers are tempted to make more use of their telephones.

This strategy appears to be paying off. When BT cut the cost of a weekend three-minute call anywhere in Britain to 10p at the beginning of last month, usage increased far more sharply than the company expected.

The company hopes that in spite of cutting prices, it may limit revenue loss, or even increase income.

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Agreement with receivers could mean expansion westward for Chinatown

East likely to head West in London

LONDON'S Chinatown could be set for westward expansion after an agreement between Shaftesbury, the property group, and the receivers to the Trocadero Island Site (Carl Mortished writes).

KPMG Peat Marwick, which now controls the block of 40 properties in the West End after the financial collapse of Brent Walker and Power Corporation's Trocadero development, has granted Shaftesbury a four-year management contract.

The Island Site fell into disrepair under its former owners and the banks are owed more than £50 million. Shaftesbury, which expanded its Chinatown Estate recently with the purchase of ten shops and offices in Shaftesbury Avenue and Gerrard Street, will benefit from any rise in the value of the site under performance-related incentives.

But the real carrot for Shaftesbury is likely to be the possible acquisition of properties between Rupert Street and Wardour Street.

Jonathan Lane, managing director, said that he would soon be marketing the Rialto Cinema in Coventry Street.

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MG's loss soars by extra DM1.5bn

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE metals and engineering group Metallgesellschaft, which has threatened to become Germany's biggest post-war corporate failure, lost DM1.5 billion more last year than initially reported and may face a further DM1.5 billion loss on oil hedging deals by its US subsidiary.

Kajo Neukirchen, the company doctor appointed by the supervisory board to rescue Metallgesellschaft (MG) after the removal last month of Heinz Schimmelbusch, the management board chairman, disclosed the huge losses after presenting creditor banks on Wednesday with a plan that calls for DM2.7 billion in new equity and a new DM500 million credit line. Half of last year's losses came from oil futures deals, as the crude price fell steeply.

MG, a leading member of the London Metal Exchange, would have to file for court-administered *Vergleich*, Germany's equivalent of US Chapter 11 proceedings, unless creditors approve the rescue plan by January 12, Herr Neukirchen said.

The provisional group loss of DM1.8 billion for the year to September 30, compared with a pre-tax loss of DM347 million announced by MG late last year in accounts approved by the Frankfurt office of KPMG, the accountant.

In restructuring the 250-company conglomerate, Herr Neukirchen plans disposal of Kolbenschmidt, a car parts company, and its stake in Metal Mining Corp.

MG shares, suspended in Frankfurt yesterday, are expected to fall to about DM200 when trading resumes, down DM78 from Wednesday, but to recover if the rescue is backed.

Over 60 per cent of shares to be issued in a capital increase would be taken by institutional shareholders, including the Kuwait Investment Office. The rest would go to creditor banks, Herr Neukirchen said.

Small firms prepare to fight sick pay scheme

THE 58,000-member Federation of Small Businesses is considering a legal challenge against Government plans to make companies pay the full cost of employees' wages when they are sick. The Federation is writing to members of the House of Lords, urging them to oppose the Statutory Sick Pay Bill when it is debated next Tuesday. The business group said it was "totally opposed" to the proposed transfer of funding from the state to employers for the first four weeks of sickness.

The move, announced in the November Budget at an annual saving of £700 million to the Government, would prove "damaging" to small businesses and their employees. Ian Handford, the Federation's national policy chairman, said: "Anyone with a cash flow problem could just be tipped over the edge because of this extra cost." The Federation is taking legal advice and could mount a challenge if the Bill is approved by Parliament. The change is planned to take effect from April.

Banesto appeal deadline

MARIO Condé, former chairman of Banco Español de Crédito (Banesto), and his board have until today to submit a legal appeal against their removal. They were sacked last week by Spain's central bank as part of a rescue action. The ousted board is due to call a press conference next week, before Alfredo Saenz, Banesto's acting chairman, outlines plans for restructuring the bank on January 21. Commercial and savings banks have been asked by the central bank to open a 300 billion peseta (£1.4 billion) emergency credit line to Banesto to overcome liquidity difficulties.

Greenwich in black

GREENWICH Resources, the gold exploration company, may have to raise extra funds to maintain its 49 per cent stake in a gold property in Greece. Colin Phipps, chairman, said that if drilling results on the Sappes lease proved promising, Greenwich would have to pay its share. The company received $550,000 for options on its Venezuelan interests in the year to September 30, and holds a 12.5 per cent interest in Western Australia's Paddington mine. It reported a net profit of £102,000 for 1993, compared with a £730,000 net loss the previous time.

Cassidy confident

CASSIDY Brothers, the maker of toys and nursery goods, has said that satisfactory results are likely in the year to April 30, in spite of a fall in interim profits. Cassidy said that trading in October, November and December had been stronger, putting it in a strong financial position for 1994. Directors' resulting confidence underpins an unchanged interim dividend of 0.75p for the half year to October 31, even though pre-tax profits fell to £541,368, from £716,055 last time. Earnings per share fell to 6.95p (9.02p). Cassidy said that it is considering making some of its products in China.

Osprey swoops lower

OSPREY Communications, the advertising group, has plunged deeper into the red after hefty one-off costs relating to accounting changes associated with its disposal programme. In May, the company sold its marketing services division for £2.1 million which it used, along with £1.5 million from a rights issue in June, to cut debt. In the 16 months to September 30, the group made a pre-tax loss of £5 million (£336,000 loss for previous year). The dividend, which was 0.6p per share in 1992, is passed.

Exports boost Druck

STRONG orders from Japan helped Druck Holdings, the Leicester manufacturer of electronic pressure measuring devices, to lift pre-tax profits 18.5 per cent to £2.08 million in the six months to September 30. In spite of the recession gripping much of Europe, sales advanced 16 per cent to £14.7 million. Exports accounted for 75 per cent of total orders, against 68 per cent last time. The orders from Japan surged 240 per cent. Earnings climb to 20.8p (18p) a share. The interim dividend is raised to 3.7p (3.4p).

Yule to close offshoot

YULE Catto, the industrial chemicals and building products group, is to close its loss-making Dutch subsidiary this year, at a cost of £2.3 million. Nijs en Vale, which designs, manufactures and installs architectural facades, has been badly affected by recession in the Dutch construction industry and incurred operating losses of £900,000 in 1993. Yule said its speciality chemicals divisions were performing strongly and there were signs of recovery in building products. Yule shares rose 4p to 268p.

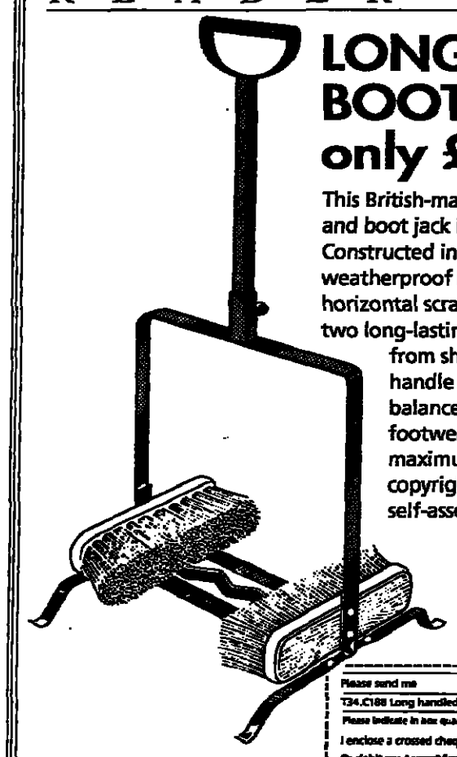
Abbey interim recovers

ABBEY, the Dublin housebuilding and plant hire group, saw strong recovery in pre-tax profit to Ir£2.65 million (£2.5 million) in the half year to October 31, up from Ir£501,000 last time. The comparative profit was depressed by provisions of Ir£1 million. Turnover was Ir£18.8 million (Ir£17.8 million). Abbey Developments, the UK housebuilder, sold 211 houses at an average £58,000 and raised margins. M & J Engineers, the UK plant hire business, returned to profit. Earnings per share are Ir4.58p (Ir0.43p). The dividend is Ir2p (nil).

Pelican profits ahead

PELICAN, the restaurant company, boosted interim taxable profits 169 per cent, from £357,000 to £960,000, in the six months to September 30. The interim dividend, however, is again passed as the group concentrates on providing funds for future expansion. Pelican has 28 restaurants, and Roger Myers, chairman, said there were many growth possibilities. These included extending Rock Island Diner throughout the country. Sales rose 74 per cent, to £6.7 million, in the six months.

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Business failures poised to shrink to pre-recession level

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE number of failures among large and medium businesses is likely to fall close to pre-recession levels in 1994 after recording an abrupt slump in 1993, according to a leading insolvency expert.

Christopher Morris, of Touche Ross, the accountants, predicted as few as 2,000 administrative receiverships and administration orders this year. Mr Morris, the firm's senior insolvency partner, made his forecast after unveiling TR's figures showing a 37 per cent reduction in appointments in mainland Britain during 1993, to 3,226. "We foresee a continuing decline, possibly falling as low as 2,000 in 1994," he said.

His optimism was inspired by a strikingly rapid fall in appointments during the past 12 months. From a peak of 5,734 in 1991, the rate of business failures has slowed rapidly as Britain's economy has improved. Mr Morris said: "What I believe is different this time is that the economy has been allowed to recover naturally, whereas previous recessions have been ended by deliberate and ultimately inflationary governmental interference. Such artificial stimulation commonly leads to, and indeed encourages, overtrading."

The West Midlands saw the biggest fall in the rate of receiverships with the figure halving to 228. Touche Ross partners believe this reflects the contraction of Midlands industry during the 1980s, the intense shake-out which took place there during the early 1980s, and a less severe impact upon manufacturing during the latest recession.

Receivership levels in the North also fell by 51 per cent, but the North West and the Yorkshire/Humberside regions improved only half as fast. Coopers & Lybrand remained Britain's leading insolvency practice, with 390 appointments, but Grant Thornton overtook KPMG for second place with 300. Ernst & Young was next while Touche Ross was fifth with 203. Among banks, the number of receivers appointed by Barclays slumped from 999 to 531, while the Royal Bank of Scotland appointed 177 compared with 418.

CBI urges Government to promote investment

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government should bring forward measures to increase saving by businesses, to promote investment and economic growth, a report by the Confederation of British Industry says.

The Treasury, led by Stephen Dorrell, the financial secretary, is reviewing savings and taxation, and the CBI's proposals are aimed at increasing business investment and reforming both personal and business saving.

The CBI says the Government should pursue overall economy policies that dampen the "pronounced" volatility of the UK economy, since a more stable economic environment would in itself increase the willingness of business to invest.

The main thrust of government policy to encourage investment should be, it argues, to increase business saving — that is, retained profits left over after companies have paid tax, interest and dividends.



Davies: Treasury is right

The CBI says a high proportion of UK companies' profits is paid out in dividends, reducing retained profit. While it would be possible to change the tax system to discourage this, the CBI warned that moves to achieve this — such as restricting the tax advantages of pension funds — could cut still further the funds available for businesses to invest.

The report, *Saving for Sustained Economic Growth*, prepared by a special savings group of the confederation's economic affairs committee, says that while there are better-developed mechanisms for channelling personal savings towards small businesses in other countries, such as Germany and the United States, the bulk of personal savings investment in Britain is used to finance personal borrowing, housing or government spending, rather than industrial investment.

Attempting to raise the level of personal saving would not, therefore, necessarily improve the overall investment climate. Even so, the report maintains, the Government should try to dampen the economically volatile swings in personal investment, aim eventually to iron out the tax differences affecting various forms of saving and seek to promote forms of personal saving that channel funds directly towards small companies.

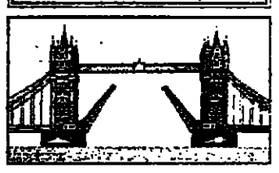
The CBI says: "Investment by individuals in unquoted companies should be no less tax efficient than ploughing money into, say, pensions or housing." It welcomes the plans announced by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, in the Budget for an Enterprise Investment Scheme and a Venture Capital Trust.

Howard Davies, the CBI's director-general, said: "The fact that the Treasury are undertaking a review suggests they are not convinced that the current system maximises investment. Our paper shows they are right."

☐ Consumers want low prices, not discounts ☐ Insolvency reform needs caution ☐ Pension scandal is a long-term business

Value needed every month

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☐ COULD this month mark the end of an era in the high street? Within living memory, January sales, like the smaller discount sales in July, were just an opportunity to clear obsolescent stock at the end of one season to make way for the next season's merchandise. During the past 30 years they have become part of an ever sillier game between retailers and consumers, to the extent that shoppers boycott many stores for much of the year and customer-unfriendly January sales are often the peak selling time rather than a coda to the Christmas season.

If consumer sovereignty is here to stay, this nonsense will eventually stop. The shallow lesson of 1993 was that "sales" have become the norm and consumers refuse to buy when retailers revert to periods of "normal" prices. So there are ever more sales and discounts. The deeper lesson is that "normal" prices are really no longer normal at all and retailers must get used to permanently lower gross margins if they are to make headway among the tougher, no-nonsense, price-conscious consumers of the 1990s.

Groups such as Dixons (and more extremely the late Ratners) prospered by appearing to offer discounts all the time. But even this formula has worn thin. The long-term retailing success stories have been groups that offered what the customer thought was consistent value for money: Marks and Spencer, Sainsbury, Tesco or, in its quieter way, the John Lewis Partnership. Even such groups have often become complacent of late but, as the supermarket groups have just shown, they can readily reassert themselves and regain market share if they shave gross margins and start living up to their much-trumpeted reputations again.

Kingfisher, followed by its acolytes, is the most important recent convert to this philosophy, which can produce just as healthy net margins through year-round volume growth and constant attention to cost efficiency and stock control. Kingfisher's Woolworth and Comet evidently contributed to pressures on Dixons over the Christmas period. Other factors were at work. While Dixons found price cuts on commonsense items such as televisions produced healthy sales increases, such cuts did little for electronic games hardware or camcorders, which many consumers evidently felt they could do without. This is an easier time to make money on lower-ticket goods. Even here, however, the likes of Boots may soon find they need to bite the bullet harder on prices and therefore costs.

Other traditional groups such as Sears and Burton may need greater adjustments and some of the lesser chains of smaller shops will surely find that the demands of the 1990s are tough indeed. Overhead cuts in the recession may have enabled them to survive but they must change culture to prosper for long — especially when costly Sunday trading becomes the norm.

Slow recovery beats insolvency

☐ HERE is a really good argument for harassed Treasury ministers if they have to answer hostile questions this summer about why the recovery is so slow. According to Christopher Morris, senior insolvency partner at Touche Ross, companies are much better at coping with a slow "natural" economic upturn than one artificially accelerated by policy kickstart. That, he argues, is why the pace of receiverships is slowing so fast, against the conventional wisdom. After a 37 per cent drop in 1993, Mr Morris is looking for perhaps as big a drop this year because fewer recession-ravaged groups will be tempted into the illusory cure of over-trading.

A bit of gloomy caution in the boardroom can be a good thing. Mind you, that is always welcome among the insolvency fraternity, just as Mr Morris's gloomy prediction that this will be a dull year for his profession will cause general celebration in the rest of the business world.

If they can rest from their labours over the next few months, the leading practitioners will spend much time arguing over the Government's proposals to make the insolvency regime better. The last long-gestated reform, enshrined in the Insolvency Act 1986, was supposed to ensure more rescues and fewer closures than in the 1980-83 recession. It didn't. At least, it did not to anything like the extent envisaged by the late Sir Kenneth Cork, its main begetter. For the individual, the Act made a big difference. In the corporate sector, administration proved too expensive to set up for any but the biggest insolvencies and creditors voluntary arrangements did not work without a protective administration order.

Both Mr Morris and Coopers & Lybrand, the firm keenest on new legal reforms, welcome some of the Government proposals, notably for an interim administration order and for a 28 day moratorium to arrange a CVA, but are also sceptical. Rightly so. The lesson of the last reform is that any changes should aim to make the existing system work, rather than introduce novelties that may come equally to grief when they face the next recessionary test. No new learning curves please. If administration can be made easier and cheaper with the approval of the biggest bank creditor — which the courts could help under existing law — much else would fall into place. If curbs can be placed on government and some other creditors, that may help. But switching to a regime where the creditor is prisoner is likely to backfire when it matters.

No opting out of the consequences

☐ LAUTRO'S latest missive to its members in the life assurance business speaks volumes. Clearing up the mess over pension transfers and opt-outs and transfers is going to be a large-scale, painful and long-winded operation. For the life companies certainly, but also for the many clients who were badly advised, and the many more who now live in fear they have sold their pensions for an expensive mess of potage. If the life companies' regulator has got it right — and since it is responding to company enquiries it probably has — there will be a large volume of problem cases.

The tail of this scandal is likely to be so big that all but the most urgent cases, such as those where pensions are due or where the transaction might still be reversed, will have to wait in the pending file, at the very least until the Securities and Investments Board has issued full guidance. Some cases, and some disputes, might take years to be resolved, if they are ever resolved to everyone's satisfaction. Given the anxiety that will cause, even for many who have no real cause for worry, that looks as regrettable as it is inevitable.

At least the industry is taking this very seriously. As the bills tot up, this relatively peripheral pension scandal will surely bring much greater changes to the life assurance business. Some of the compensation payments will prove painful. It would be no surprise to see an eventual substantial restructuring of the industry as a whole. Selling methods will have to change radically, along with training standards. The relationships of salesmen to companies will also change. When all that happens, some life companies are likely to find there is little room for them and their old ways.

Morrison's Christmas sales rise

HIGHER volumes of fresh produce, non-food items and petrol helped lift sales at William Morrison, the north of England supermarket group, by almost 13 per cent for the Christmas period (Susan Gilchrist writes). Martin Ackroyd, finance director, said the bulk of the rise came from new stores, although like-for-like sales in existing stores were up by about 3 per cent. The shares rose 4p to 118p.

Evidence that the major supermarkets are winning the battle against the discounters came from AGB, the research group. Sainsbury lifted its market share in December from 20.3 per cent to 20.9 per cent while Tesco rose from 17.9 per cent to 18.6 per cent.

☐ Rhino Group, the USM-quoted computer games retailer, reported a strong performance over Christmas.

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Greg Dyke, LWT's chief executive, left, and Sir Christopher Bland tried in vain to forge a defensive alliance

LWT's talks on merger with Yorkshire collapse

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

LWT's merger talks with Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television collapsed, dealing the company's hopes of fending off a hostile takeover bid from Granada a damaging setback. As late as Wednesday night, LWT was insisting that the negotiations were still alive but yesterday the company admitted it had thrown in the towel.

Sir Christopher Bland, LWT's chairman, had hoped to broker a deal under which LWT would take over Yorkshire and offload Tyne Tees to Anglia Television. This would automatically have blocked Granada's offer because, under new government rules, no television company can hold more than two licences.

However Sir Christopher, who has always regarded the talks as a long shot, said they had foundered because it had proved impossible to reach agreement on a suitable structure for a new company.

He dismissed suggestions that the proposed deal had been thwarted by the opposition of LWT's institutional shareholders. "That had no impact on our decision at all. We did not even talk to institutions about it."

Sources close to the talks said a big obstacle had been Anglia, which decided not to participate in the proposed alliance. Its decision to withdraw, believed to have been taken at a board meeting on Wednesday, would have left LWT with three licences.

Anglia itself is now vulnerable to takeover, possibly from Lord Hollick's MAI, which owns Meridian, the South of England franchise holder. Yorkshire may consider divesting Tyne Tees to leave itself free to pursue other partnerships. The breakdown of the merger talks takes the pressure off Granada to sweeten its offer — certainly before the deadline for publication of LWT's final defence document on January 14. Granada is offering six of its shares for five LWT shares, with a cash alternative of 528p.

Anthony de Larrinaga, media analyst at Panmure Gordon, believes Granada will stand firm. "They will not have to up the offer, especially as they are already overpaying. It is now up to LWT to demonstrate that they can add value." The share offer values LWT at £682 million.

Granada's shares rose 14p to 553p, and LWT's by 22p to 648p. Yorkshire's fell 14p to 178p.

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Only 63 new names to underwrite at Lloyd's this year

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

■ Capacity in the Lloyd's insurance market has risen to an estimated £11 billion for 1994 from £8.8 billion, with new corporate names providing £1.6 billion

ONLY 63 new individual Lloyd's names stepped forward to fill the gap left by the 1,000 who decided not to continue underwriting in the insurance market this year, Lloyd's disclosed yesterday.

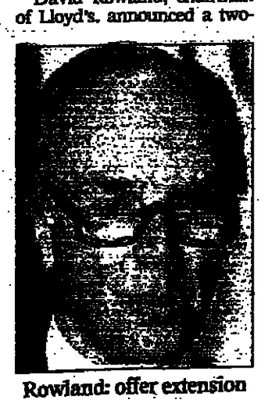
The flood of names leaving the market has eased, however. A total of 3,928 names resigned at the end of the 1991 year of account, and 2,070 pulled out at the end of 1993. The total number underwriting this year is 18,400, the lowest since 1980. In 1988, the market boasted 32,433 names.

The 63 new names are providing £29 million of fresh capacity, far less than the £287 million being taken out of the market by those departing. A further £68 million of capacity is being lost as a result of the deaths of 180 names.

At least seven of the 63 new names have "high liquidity" — a new class, introduced this year, which Lloyd's has been keen to attract. High-liquidity names must have liquid assets of at least £500,000 each and annual incomes of more than £70,000. They are allowed to underwrite on a 20 per cent ratio of funds, subject to a minimum deposit of £200,000.

Overall, the market's capacity for 1994 is estimated at £11 billion, up from £8.8 billion last year. This is partly owing to the introduction of limited liability investors, the corporate names, who are providing £1.6 billion. The balance is coming from traditional names, who have shown a greater than expected resilience, lifting average underwriting capacity from £454,000 in 1993 to £508,000 this year.

David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, announced a two-week extension, to February 14, to the acceptance deadline for the £900 million Lloyd's settlement offer.



Rowland: offer extension

☐ GW Run-Off (GWRO), the company managing Gooda Walker syndicates' affairs, warned that if the settlement offer was accepted, "considerable exposure" would fall on non-marine syndicates 164 and 290. It was not, however, possible to calculate ultimate exposure.

Names on six of the seven Gooda syndicates could see losses rise to £1.1 billion as a result of 1991 losses and further deterioration in old-year losses. This loss does not include stop-loss syndicate 387, because its losses are so dependent on non-Gooda Walker syndicates. The estimated 1991 loss is £41.9 million; old-year losses have increased by £52.7 million.

GWRO's fee to City Run-Off, the company charged with running off the syndicates, is being cut from £5.3 million in 1993 to £4.2 million in 1994 and £3.7 million in 1995.

Invesco manager dismissed

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

JOHN Kaweske, a senior fund manager with the American mutual fund operations of Invesco, the UK money management group, has been summarily dismissed for alleged breach of its personal dealing rules.

Mr Kaweske, 53, who was involved in managing $4.6 billion worth of public money in three mutual funds, was executive vice-president of Invesco Trust Company, the mutual fund arm of Invesco Inc, whose total assets are put at $55 billion.

Invesco say that no fund has been damaged by the alleged breaches. It declined to give the value of his personal dealing, alleged to have been on behalf of himself and his family, but said that the enquiry covered ten to 20 transactions in 1993 and that the amounts were negligible compared with the funds that Mr Kaweske managed.

Mr Kaweske said: "I would like to make clear that no shareholder has been injured or any fund damaged. Many of these violations were very minor and technical. I think I have been treated harshly and there are other ulterior motives as to why they wish to discredit me." He declined to say whether he would take legal action against Invesco.

Invesco said that it requires staff to obtain permission before dealing in securities and to provide written confirmation of deals from brokers.

Sharp rise in DTI fraud investigations

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
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INVESTIGATIONS started by the Department of Trade and Industry into fraud-related trading offences increased by 72 per cent, to 79, in the three months to September 30, compared with the previous quarter. Investigations started during the year to September increased by 39 per cent, to 228.

The DTI's investigations division received 255 requests for confidential investigations during the third quarter of 1993, up from 234 in the previous quarter. That made a total of 1,107 requests in the year to September 30, a 26 per cent increase. During the third quarter, the division completed 53 investigations, compared with 45 in the previous three months.

Of the 255 third-quarter requests, 78 were accepted for investigation. Of the complaints to the DTI and requests for investigation, 171 came from members of the public, 53 from other DTI divisions, 24 from other regulators and seven from the Department of Public Prosecutions and the police.

During the quarter, seven defendants were convicted in criminal proceedings after DTI investigations under the Companies Act, making 20 convictions for the year, down from 22 in the previous year. The DTI said the convictions were for offences including fraudulent trading, theft, forgery and conducting unauthorised investment business.

Four defendants received custodial sentences ranging from one to three years; one received a 12-month prison sentence, suspended for two years; one was fined; and the seventh received a 12-month conditional discharge.

Reports from official receivers on the affairs of insolvent companies and debtors led to criminal convictions against 44 defendants.

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City scents a bid for ailing Fisons

HOPES are high in the Square Mile that a major bid is about to emerge, with the hot money currently running on ailing **Fisons**.

The Fisons share price ran up a another 7p to 146p yesterday as a further 5 million shares changed hands. **Zeneca**, up 16p at 848p, is said to be a frontrunner to make an offer. But the price remains a pale shadow of its former self having tumbled from a peak of 525p during the past couple of years as one problem was compounded by another.

The withdrawal of two drugs from the American market by the Food and Drug Administration saw profits tumble and led to the departure of Cedric Scroggs, the chief executive. There was heavy turnover in the shares before Christmas. Brokers said it was unlikely they were being bought for their recovery potential. The sceptics argue that any bid for Fisons could prove risky.

The rest of the equity market staged a 50-point turnround, with early falls wiped out as buyers re-emerged. Turnover surged past the billion shares mark as investors continued to look for value among second-line issues.

The FT-SE 100, down 24 points first thing, eventually climbed back above the 3,400 level, with a rise of 23.8 points to 3,403.0. The FT-SE mid index of 250 shares also jumped, by 28.6 to 3,849.0.

Cable and Wireless dipped below the £5 level before

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rallying to close 18p down at 504p after news of the 800-point fall in the Hang Seng Index in Hong Kong overnight. Cazenove, the broker, is thought to have placed a line of 4 million shares with institutions at 490p. By the close of business, a total of 16 million shares had traded.

The food manufacturers received a helping hand from Warburg Securities, lifting **Tate & Lyle** 9p to 418p, **United Biscuits** 13p to 372p, **Northern Foods** 12p to 251p, **Cadbury Schweppes** 6p to 524p, **Dalgety** 18p to 510p, and **Hillsdown** 11p to 178p.

Warburg is also thought to be keen on **Tarmac**, up 3p at 184p. But Smith New Court was an early seller of **P&O**, 2p lighter at 617p. **Hogg Group** jumped 6p to 160p as the speculative buyers acknowledged the recent performance of **CE Heath**, up another 8p at 421p.

Half-year figures from **Dixons**, the electrical appliances retailer, depressed the rest of the stores sector, with the group warning that Christmas trading had been disappointing. Pre-tax profits were up 24 per cent at £17.3 million before exceptional losses of £210.5 million relating to the disposal of Silo, its US subsidiary, resulting in an overall loss of £196.7 million. Brokers downgraded their profit estimates, with BZW slashing its forecast for the full year from £86 million to £75 million. Panmure Gordon is believed to have cut its estimate from £81 million to £70 million.

Other retailers were promptly marked lower, but closed off the bottom, helped by a trading up-date from **Boots**, which was in line with expectations. Overall sales increased 7.2 per cent, but the shares still finished the day 7p lower at 580p.

Losses were recorded in **Argos**, 3p to 374p, **Burton Group**, 2p to 68p, **Great Universal Stores**, 11p to 626p, **Kingfisher**, 15p to 747p, **Laura Ashley**, 7p to 72p, **Lloyds Chemists**, 7p to 356p, and **MFI Furniture**, 5p to 162p. **Rackwood Minerals**, the first new issue of 1994, began trading at 46p compared with the placing price of 40p.

GILT-EDGED: gilts opened firmer, but failed to consolidate their position on the back of US jobless figures. Treasury 9 per cent 2012 lost £¼ at £125 9/16, while in shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 firmed a tick at £115 17/32. The March series of the Long Gilt advanced £1/16 to £118 13/16.

NEW YORK: Wall Street shares continued to trade higher at midday on heavy volume, with most of the strength in blue chips. The Dow Jones was up 5.62 points to 3,804.44.

MICHAEL CLARK



ANTHONY HARRIS

Advice from a veteran Australian

A few years ago — it would be poetic if it was 1987, so let's assume that it was — I was at one of those dinner parties where the guests boast of their successes in the bull market of the day. They were interrupted by an Australian financier, in his 80s but still very alert. "You know" he remarked, "whenever I hear people talking like that, I ask them a question. 'Oh yes, and when did you sell?'" Thoughtful silence.

The same silence is now to be heard in many of the places where investment decisions are made, notably at the board meetings of pension funds. Their quarterly reports are showing splendid returns on all their holdings, especially if they have been adventurous overseas; but their actuaries, who insist on dealing in projected income rather than paper gains, talk like so many veteran Australians. Their UK equities are actually showing a lower prospective return than they were a year ago, thanks to the Lamont changes in ACT; so their capital now looks a little less adequate. But if they should be buying again, is there anything that doesn't already look over-bought?

The performance of the market on Wednesday underlined these doubts in a timely way. After all the co-ordinated cheerleading of the holiday period, the big indices fell by nearly a percentage point. It was a beautiful demonstration of the contrarian rule: when everyone can see nothing but good news, it is time to sell, because the good news must already be discounted in the price. To be sure, it was no more than a toot on the siren: given a little extra good news about the growth of M0, the market resumed its rise.

All the same, it is getting harder and harder to meet the actuarial test of attractive income expectations. At these levels, as Anatole Kaletsky pointed out yesterday, more and more investors are simply speculating, buying now with the intention of selling at a profit later. That must be a danger signal, unless you believe in Tim Congdon's Golden Age scenario for the UK. What you do believe is increasingly a matter of faith and temperament, for the range of apparently serious forecasts in the market has surely never been wider, with growth this year ranging from 1.5 to 3.5 per cent, and inflation in 1995 from under 3 to over 8 per cent.

My own simple model has been to assume that the near future in Britain will be very like the recent past in the US. Here are two countries which have devalued sharply, but avoided the expected inflationary consequences, and where recovery has shrugged off plans for higher taxes, thanks to monetary changes — the devaluation reinforced by a sharp drop in interest rates. In both, price restraint has been imposed by consumers, whose incomes have grown only sluggishly, and who insist on keen pricing. In both, the recovery has been led by pent-up demand for cars, where world over-capacity and a shortage of second-hand cars has made buying terms very attractive.

Same story then? Not quite. First, interest rates in the US have dropped much further than here. Second, the US tax increases have begun to bite only after the recovery has gathered real force, with high consumer confidence and growing government credibility. In Britain, we have none of these supports, and less than three months to go before the tax increases, bigger than Clinton's, take their bite. Third, America's main export markets are reasonably buoyant; ours are in deep recession. In France, for example, December car sales were more than 30 per cent down on 1992 — a 30-year low.

In short, despite the risk of annoying some readers, this column is not about to join in the cheerleading. The projections of Peter Warburton, of Flemings, at the gloomy edge of the consensus on growth and profits, but optimistic on inflation, look most realistic. Bonds and cash look most attractive. You don't agree? Then search the seasonal forecast tables for the view that seems most like the business world you know: that is the right place to find what you will regard as well-reasoned investment advice. But whatever you buy, remember the Australian question. When do you plan to sell?

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4880 (+0.0013)
German mark .... 2.5893 (+0.0039)
Exchange index .... 82.2 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3403.0 (+23.8)
Dow Jones .... 3804.44 (+5.62)*
Nikkei Avg .... 17881.99 (+98.51)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5½%
3-month Interbank 5 7/16-5 5/16%
US Federal Funds 3 1/16%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.05-3.04%*
Long Bond 6.36%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4855*	£:$	1.4850
$:DM	1.7413*	£:DM	2.5876
$:SWfr	1.4790*	£:SWfr	2.1986
$:Ffr	5.9150*	£:Ffr	8.7910
$:Yen	112.75*	£:Yen	167.48
£:SDR	1.0835	£:ECU	1.3322

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 390.60 .... PM 385.65
Close 388.45-388.95
New York:
Comex 390.55-391.05*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $14.55 per bbl (Feb)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 141.6 Nov (1.4%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.30	2.10
Austria Sch	19.12	17.62
Belgium Fr	56.69	52.29
Canada $	2.070	1.910
Cyprus Cyp£	0.803	0.753
Denmark Kr	10.64	9.84
Finland Mkk	9.22	8.42
France Fr	9.21	8.51
Germany Dm	2.73	2.52
Greece Dr	391.50	368.50
Hong Kong $	12.13	11.13
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2603.00	2448.00
Japan Yen	182.00	185.00
Malta	0.623	0.568
Netherlds Gld	3.035	2.805
Norway Kr	11.73	10.93
Portugal Esc	273.00	254.50
S Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	222.00	208.00
Sweden Kr	12.75	11.95
Switzerland Fr	2.33	2.15
Turkey Lira	22180.0	21190.0
USA $	1.583	1.453

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Reg Vardy accelerates to £3.51m at half way

By Philip Pangalos

REG Vardy, the Sunderland multi-franchise motor dealership group, sounded an upbeat tone on propects as a surge in new car sales helped the group nearly to double first-half profits.

A recovery in demand for new cars and an £800,000 exceptional gain from a land sale in Sunderland helped pre-tax profits accelerate to £3.51 million in the half year to October 31, up from £1.78 million last time.

The profits advance was fuelled by a 50 per cent jump in new car sales to about 6,000 in the first half, against some 4,000 last time. The important month of August saw a record 2,911 'L' registration vehicles delivered, an increase of more than 50 per cent against August 1992.

Peter Vardy, chairman, said that growing consumer confidence and a backlog of vehicles needing replacement would keep the recovery going. He said that new car margins actually grew, helped by lower manufacturers' distribution costs.



Vardy: confident

Turnover at the group's 26 dealerships, which span a range of cars including Rover, Mercedes, Renault, Toyota, Nissan and Fiat/Alfa Romeo, advanced 32.1 per cent to £142.7 million. Five dealerships were added during the period. Sales of parts and service and body repair work also saw increased profitability, while margins on used cars improved.

Mr Vardy said he was "very optimistic" about the year ahead and expected further growth. He anticipated continued strong demand as a result of growing consumer confidence, low inflation and low interest rates.

"We will continue to grow the business organically and by the selective acquisition of dealerships where franchise and location match our expansion strategy," he added.

Earnings jumped to 5.3p (2.9p) a share. The interim dividend is raised to 1.4p (1.3p). Reg Vardy shares added 5p to 185p.

WALL STREET

	Jan 6 midday	Jan 5 close
AMP Inc	62½	62¾
AMR Corp	69	68¾
Abbott Labs	29¾	30
Aetna Life	57½	58¼
Ahmanson (HF)	19¼	19¼
Air Prod & Chem	46¼	45¾
Albertson's	26	26¼
Alcan Alumnm	22¾	21¾
Alco Standard	55¾	54¾
Allied Signal	77¼	76¾
Alum Co of Am	72	72¼
Amax Gold Inc	7½	7¼
Amerada Hess	49¾	48¾
Amer Brands	34½	34¾
Amer Cyanamid	50½	49½
Amer El Power	36¼	36½
Amer Express	29¾	29¾
Amer Genl Corp	28½	28¾
Amer Home Pr	65	65
Amer Intl	85¾	85
Amer Stores	43¾	44
Amer T & T	53¾	52¾
Ameritech	72¾	73½
Amoco	54½	55½
Anheuser-Busch	48¾	48¾
Apple Computer	33¾	33¾
Archer Daniels	23¾	23¾
Arkla	7½	7½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrng Wrld	51½	51¼
Asarco	23	22¾
Ashland Oil	36¼	36
All Richfield	108¾	108¼
Auto Data Pro	53¾	54¾
Avery Dennison	29½	29½
Avon Products	52	50¾
Baker Hughes	21¼	21¼
Baltim Gas & El	25	25¾
Banc One	37¾	36¾
BankAmerica	46	46¾
Bank of NY	57½	58
Bankers Tr NY	77¾	77½
Barnett Banks	42¾	42
Bausch & Lomb	50¾	51½
Baxter Intl	24½	24¾
Becton Dicknsn	35½	35¾
Bell Atlantic	56¼	55¾
BellSouth	54½	54¾
Black & Decker	19¾	19¾
Block (H&R)	40¾	40¾
Boeing	43½	43
Boise Cascade	24½	25½
Borden Inc	15½	16
Bristol Myrs Sq	59½	59¾
Browning Ferris	27¾	27½
Brunswick	19½	18¾
Burlington Ndn	57¼	57
CBS	284	280½
CNA Financial	76½	77
CPC Intl	47¾	47¾
CSX	85¾	84
Campbell Soup	40¾	40¾
Can Pacific	16¼	16¼
Cpd Cities ABC	613¾	611
Cpd Holdings	36½	37½
Carolina Pwr	29¾	28
Caterpillar	91½	91¼
Central & SW	29¾	30
Champion Intl	33¾	34¼
Chase Manhat	33½	33¾
Chemical Bk	40¼	40¾
Chevron Corp	90½	90¾
Chrysler	56½	55¾
Chubb Corp	79¾	78¾
Cigna Corp	63¾	63¾
Citicorp	36¾	37¾
Clorox	54½	54¾
Coastal Corp	28¾	28¾
Coca Cola	42¾	42¾
Colgate-Palmolive	59½	59¾
Columbia Gas	22	22¾
Commonw Ed	27¾	27¾
Compaq Comp	76¾	76¾
Comp Ass Int	42¾	44¼
Conagra	26¾	26½
Cons Edison	31½	31½
Cons Nat Gas	45¾	46¾
Cons Rail	67¼	66¾
Cooper Inds	49¾	49½
Corning Inc	28½	28¾
Crown Cork	40¾	40¾
Dana Corp	58¾	59
Dayton Hudson	68¾	67¾
Deere	73¾	73¾
Delta Air Lines	58	55¾
Deluxe Corp	36½	37
Detroit Edison	29½	29½
Digital Equip	37	37¾
Dillard Dept St	36½	36¾
Disney (Walt)	45	44¾
Dominion Res	44¼	44½
Donnelley (RR)	31½	30¾
Dover Corp	60½	59½
Dow Chemical	59	57¾
Dow Jones	37½	37
Dresser	22	21¾
Duke Power	42	42½
Dun & Bradstreet	61½	61
Du Pont	52¾	51½
Eastman Kodak	46¾	45¾

	Jan 6 midday	Jan 5 close
Eaton Corp	50¾	50½
Emerson Elec	59¾	59¾
Engelhard Corp	25	25¼
Enron Corp	29¾	29½
Ethyl Corp	17½	17¾
Exxon	64¾	64¾
FMC Corp	47½	47¾
FPL Group	37½	37¾
Federal Express	71¼	70¾
Fed Nat Mtge	79¾	79¾
First Chicago	41¼	42¾
First Interstate	64	63¾
First Union Rlty	10¼	10
Fleet Fnl Grp	33½	33¾
Fluor Corp	41¼	41¼
Ford Motor	63¾	63¾
GTE Corp	34¾	34¼
Gannett	57	57
Gap Inc Del	40¾	38¾
Genr Dynamics	91½	91½
Gen Electric	103	103
Gen Mills	60¾	60¾
Gen Motors	57	56¾
Gen Reinsurance	104¾	105
Gen Signal	35½	35½
Genuine Parts	37¾	37½
Georgia Pac	71½	72¾
Gillette	58¾	57½
Glaxo ADR	20	20¾
Goodrich (BF)	39¾	39¾
Goodyear Tire	45½	45
Grace (WR)	41	40¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26	26
Great Wstn Fin	20	19½
Halliburton	33½	33½
Harcourt General	33¾	35
Heinz (HJ)	35½	35¾
Hercules	109¾	109¾
Hershey Foods	48	48¾
Hewlett Packard	80¾	79¾
Hilton Hotels	60	59½
Home Depot	39	38¾
Homestake Mng	23¾	23¾
Honeywell	32½	32½
Household Intl	32¾	32½
Houston Inds	45¾	46¾
Humana	17½	17½
ITT Corp	91¼	92½
Illinois Tool	38	37½
INCO	27½	27¾
Ingersoll Rand	39¾	39¾
Inland Steel	35¾	35
Intel Corp	63¾	64¼
IBM	59	59¾
Intl Flav & Fr	111¼	111¾
Intl Paper	71¾	72¾
James River VA	19¾	19¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44¾	44¾
K Mart	20	21
Kellogg	57¾	57¾
Kerr-McGee	48	48
Kimberly-Clark	52¾	52¾
Knight-Ridder	59¾	59¾
Lilly (Eli)	58¾	58¾
Limited Inc	17½	17¾
LIN Brdcstng	108¾	109¾
Lincoln Nat	42¾	43¾
Litton	66¾	65¾
Liz Claiborne	22¾	23¾
Lockheed Corp	66¾	65¾
Louisiana Pac	43	42
MCI Commun	27¾	28¾
Marriott Intr	28	28¾
Marsh & McLnn	80¾	80¾
Masco Corp	36¾	36¾
May Dept St	38¾	39
Maytag Corp	18¾	18¾
McCaw Cellular	51¼	50½
McDonalds	55¾	55¾
McDonnell D	107¾	106¾
McGraw Hill	68	67½
Mead Corp	45½	45¾
Medtronic	83	82¾
Mellon Bk	53¾	52¾
Melville Corp	39¾	40¾
Merck Inc	36½	37¾
Merrill Lynch	40¾	40¾
Minnesota Mine	107¾	105¾
Mobil Corp	79¾	80
Monsanto	75¾	75¾
Morgan (JP)	68	69
Motorola Inc	89¾	90
Natl Medical	14¾	14¾
Natl Semi	17¾	17¾
Natl Service Ind	26¾	26¾
Navistar Int	24¾	24
NBD Bancorp	29¾	30
NY Times A	27¾	27¾
Newmont Mng	59¾	59¾
Niag Mohawk	19½	19¾
Nike B	48¾	48¾
NL Industries	4¾	4¾
Nordstrom	32¾	32¾
Norfolk Sthrn	71¼	70¾
Nthn State Pwr	42¾	43
Norwest Corp	23¾	23¾
Nynex Corp	39¾	39¾
Occidental Pet	18	17¾
Ohio Edison	22¾	22½
Oracle Systems	31¼	31¼

	Jan 6 midday	Jan 5 close
Oryx Energy Co	18¾	18¾
Owens Corning	43¾	43¾
PNC Financial	29¾	29
PPG Industries	76	75½
Paccar Inc	54	53¾
Pacificorp	19¾	19¾
Pac Enterprises	24¼	23¾
Pac Gas & Elect	33½	33½
Pac Telesis	53¾	52¾
Pall Corp	18¾	18¾
Panhandle East	23¾	23
Paramnt Comm	77¾	78¾
Parker Hannifin	38¾	37¾
Penney (JC)	51¾	52¾
Pennzoil	54½	55¾
Pepsico	39¾	39¾
Pfizer	69¾	68¾
Phelps Dodge	51½	50¾
Philadel Elec	29¾	29¾
Philip Morris	58	58¾
Phillips Pet	30¾	30¾
Pitney Bowes	41½	41¼
Polaroid	35	35¾
PriceCostco	18½	18¾
Procter & Gmbl	56¾	56¾
Pub Serv E & G	31¼	31¼
Quaker Oats	69¾	69¾
Ralston Purina	37¾	37½
Raychem Corp	37¾	37¾
Raytheon	64¼	64
Reebok Intl	30½	30½
Reynolds Metals	47¾	47¾
Roadway Srvs	62¾	62¾
Rockwell Intl	37	38¾
Rohm & Haas	59¾	59½
Royal Dutch	107¾	105¾
Rubbermaid	34¾	34¼
Safeco Corp	53¾	54¾
St Paul's Cos	87¾	87½
Salomon Inc	48¾	46½
Santa Fe Pac	23	23
Sara Lee Corp	24½	24½
Scecorp	20¾	20¾
Schering Plough	68¾	68¾
Schlumberger	60¾	60½
Scott Paper	40¾	41¼
Seagram	27¾	27¾
Sears Roebuck	53½	53¾
Shell Trans	66	64¾
Sherwin Wllms	33½	33¾
Skyline Corp	21¼	21
Snap-On-Tools	39¾	39¾
Southern Co	43¾	43½
Sthwestern Bell	38¾	38¾
Sprint Corp	33	33¾
Stanley Works	42¾	42¾
Sun Company	30¾	30½
Sun Microsys	29¾	28¾
Suntrust	45	44¾
Supervalu	37½	38¾
Syntex Corp	16¾	16½
Sysco Corp	27¾	28¼
TRW Inc	69¾	69¾
Tandem Comp	11¾	11¼
Tandy Corp	45¾	47¾
Telecom Corp	3½	3¾
Teledyne	29½	29¾
Temple Inland	52¾	52½
Tenneco	52¾	52¾
Texaco	66¾	66¾
Texas Inst	68	68¾
Texas Utilities	39¾	40¾
Textron	58¾	59
Time Warner	40¾	41¾
Times-Mirror	35¼	34¾
Timken	35	34¾
Torchmark	44¾	44¾
Toys R Us	37¾	37¾
Transamerica	55	55½
Travelers	40¾	40½
Tribune	60¾	59¾
Tyco Labs	49¾	49¾
UAL Corp	145¾	146
UST Inc	28	28¾
USX Marathon	17¾	17
Unilever NV	116¾	116¾
Union Camp	49¾	49¾
Union Carbide	22¾	22¾
Union Pacific	65¾	64¾
Unisys Corp	12¾	12¾
USAIR Group	13¾	13¾
USF&G Corp	14¾	14¾
US Life	37¾	37¾
US West	43¾	43¾
United Tech	61¾	62
Unocal Corp	28¾	28¾
Upjohn	28¾	29¾
VF Corp	45¾	45¾
WMX Tech	28¾	28¾
Wal-Mart Stores	24¾	25¾
Warner-Lambert	66¾	67¾
Wells Fargo	128¾	129¾
Westinghouse El	13¾	13¾
Weyerhaeuser	47¾	46¾
Whirlpool	64¾	65
Whitman	16¾	16¾
Winn Dixie	51¾	51¾
Woolworth	25¾	25¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44¾	44¾
Xerox	89¾	88¾

RECENT ISSUES

Aberforth Split Lvl C (100)	100½	...
Abtrust Lloyds Insce (100)	95	...
CLM Insce (100)	107	+1
Chelsfield (155)	182	...
DFS Furniture (260)	320	...
Fairbairn Euro Smlr (100)	98	...
Finsbury Undrwrtng Inv	110	...
For & Col Smaller (100)	114½	...
Friends Prov Ethical (60)	59	...
Friends Prov Uts (120)	122	...
Friends Prov Zero Pf (60)	63	...
Gartmore (168)	202	-2½
Govett Emerging C	117	...
Govett High Inc (100)	111	...
Harmony Leisure Wts	4	...
Inspirations (100)	106	...
Kleinwort 2nd Endw (50)	51½	...
Litho Supplies (190)	237	+1
London Industrial (320)	355	+1
Masthead Insce (100)	108	...
Mercury World Mng (100)	115	...
Morgan Gren Eqty C (100)	109	...
NM Smllr Aust (100)	106	...
NM Smllr Wts	53	...
Nelson Hurst (140)	155	...
New London Capital (100)	99	...
On Demand Info (78)	118	-1
Pilot Inv C (100)	104	...
Rackwood (40)	46	...
Rossmont (10)	11	...
Securitised End Cont (60)	61	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Anglo Irish n/p (48)	11	+2
Bemrose n/p (325)	98	+3
Bourne End n/p (65)	6	-2
Bowthorpe n/p (320)	40	+1
Heywood Williams n/p (280)	135	...
Hilclare n/p (36)	2½	...
NFC n/p (195)	50½	+5½
Sheldon Jones n/p (25)	8	...
West Trust n/p (32)	3	...
Wyevale Garden n/p (152)	19	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

SG Warburg	934p (+22p)
Allied-Lyons	668p (+10p)
Bass	570p (+22p)
Abbey	180p (+20p)
J Maunders	228p (+32p)
Adam & Harvey	283p (+20p)
Fairey Group	688p (+13p)
Hepworth	465p (+18p)
TI	431p (+20p)
Parkland	213p (+12p)
Bilton	685p (+20p)
Sappi	497p (+14p)
Shell	741p (+22p)
Takeda Chem	673p (+15p)
VSEL	928p (+33p)
Sun Alliance	411p (+19p)
Legal & General	532p (+21p)

FALLS:

HSBC	905p (-80p)
Jardine Math	633p (-61p)
Siebe	561p (-11p)
Swire Pacific 'A'	553p (-34p)
HK Land	241p (-27p)
Hammerson	398p (-12p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	49,000	Cadbury	3,100	MEPC	593	Scot Power	843
Abbey Natl	2,800	Caradon	1,700	Marks Spr	5,200	Sears	1,800
Allid-Lyons	1,400	Carlton Cms	820	NFC	1,800	Svrn Trent	799
Anglian W	2,700	Coats Vyla	4,000	NatWst Bk	3,100	Shell Trans	4,400
Argyll Gp	10,000	Cm Union	2,200	Nat Power	1,800	Siebe	871
Arjo Wiggn	292	Courtaulds	1,200	Nth Wst W	1,400	SmKl Bch	4,400
AB Foods	635	Enterpr Oil	3,800	Nthrn Fds	5,100	Smith Nph	4,800
BAA	1,500	Forte	3,000	P & O	2,200	Southern Elec	878
BAT Inds	4,300	GRE	3,200	Pearson	3,100	Std Chartd	673
BOC	1,900	GUS	1,100	PowerGen	260	Sun Allnce	4,700
BP	10,000	Gen Acc	2,400	Prudential	6,300	TI Gp	981
BT	13,000	Gen Elec	7,900	RMC	130	TSB	3,200
BTR	8,900	Glaxo	9,200	RTZ	3,800	Tesco	10,000
Bk of Scot	2,900	Granada	6,000	Rank Org	1,900	Thames W	789
Barclays	2,300	Grand Met	5,500	Reckitt Col	1,500	Thrn EMI	1,300
Bass	2,200	Guinness	3,800	Redland	2,600	Tomkins	5,200
Blue Circle	1,100	HSBC	6,800	Reed Intl	774	Unilever	1,100
Boots	3,900	Hanson	6,700	Rentokil	631	Utd Bisc	4,700
Bowater	1,000	ICI	1,200	Reuters	2,300	Vodafone	1,100
Brit Aero	1,600	Inchcape	2,100	Rolls Royce	8,000	Warburg (SG)	685
Brit Airwys	3,400	Kingfisher	2,800	Ryl Ins	2,400	Wellcome	2,000
Brit Gas	6,200	Ladbroke	8,700	Ryl Bk Scot	3,400	Whitbd 'A'	594
Brit Steel	4,300	Land Secs	1,200	Sainsbury	5,500	Wlms Hld	2,800
Burmah Cast	310	Legal & Gn	1,300	Schroders	54	Wolseley	1,300
Cable Wire	17,000	Lloyds Bk	3,700	Scot & New	1,300	Zeneca	1,800

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3804.44 (+5.62)
S&P Composite .... 467.51 (-0.04)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 17881.99 (+98.51)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 11374.50 (-793.43)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 423.57 (+1.17)

Sydney: AO .... 2200.3 (+6.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2220.22 (-13.19)

FT 30 share: .... 2580.7 (+34.2)

Brussels:
General .... 7639.82 (+52.04)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2275.06 (+25.51)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 721.20 (+5.90)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1683.61 (+11.69)
FT Non Financials .... 1790.95 (+16.80)
FT Gold Mines .... 271.7 (-4.2)
FT Fixed Interest .... 130.99 (-0.16)
FT Govt Secs .... 106.46 (-0.11)
Bargains 38415
SEAQ Volume 1028.9m
USM (Datastrm) .... 155.85 (+0.39)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
December 20	January 7	March 24	April 5

Calls 6/1/94: ASDA, Arcon, Betterware, Birkdale, Butte, Costain, Ennex, Eurotunnel, Greenwich Res, Greycoat, Hanson Wts, Kelt Eng, LIG, Middlesex, Mid & Scott, Millcare, Psion, Smithkline 'A', Tullow, Upton & Sthrn, Eurotunnel. Puts: Greycoat, Meyer, Millcare, Psion, Signet, Smithkline 'A', Travis Perkins. Puts & Calls: Babcock, Cluff Res, H Clarkson, Sleepy Kids.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3373.0	3435.0	3372.0	3424.0	16524
Previous open interest: 67009	Jun 94	3400.0	3441.5	3400.0	3435.5	1001
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.72	94.76	94.71	94.74	19054
Previous open interest: 381916	Jun 94	94.89	94.94	94.88	94.90	11188
	Sep 94	94.96	95.03	94.96	94.99	5136
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.46	96.49	96.46	96.48	672
Previous open interest: 8298	Jun 94	96.11	96.16	96.11	96.15	296
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.54	94.56	94.48	94.48	55977
Previous open interest: 750691	Jun 94	95.04	95.04	94.95	94.95	52663
Long Gilt	Mar 94	118-21	119-02	118-16	118-26	59676
Previous open interest: 102392	Jun 94				118-06	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	117.70	117.81	117.66	117.81	1233
	Jun 94				116.68	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	100.87	100.93	100.64	100.83	112449
Previous open interest: 140144	Jun 94	100.65	100.83	100.61	100.78	36
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	103.53	103.53	103.41	103.44	1963
Previous open interest: 11911	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	94.26	94.27	94.18	94.18	2929
Previous open interest: 32491	Jun 94	94.76	94.77	94.72	94.72	726
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	96.29	96.30	96.24	96.25	6215
Previous open interest: 52266	Jun 94	96.59	96.59	96.52	96.53	769
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	117.71	118.02	117.33	117.91	26127
Previous open interest: 80923	Jun 94				118.01	0

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 82.2 (day's range 82.1-82.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 6	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8889-2.8951	2.8889-2.8925	¼pr-¼ds	¼pr-par
Brussels	53.49-53.76	53.63-53.74	5-9ds	15-22ds
Copenhagen	10.0300-10.0600	10.0300-10.0450	½-1½ds	2-3½ds
Dublin	1.0402-1.0436	1.0405-1.0435	5-9ds	16-21ds
Frankfurt	2.5836-2.5893	2.5859-2.5893	par-¼ds	¼-¾ds
Lisbon	262.14-263.03	262.16-262.79	100-200ds	300-400ds
Madrid	215.66-216.29	215.66-215.97	66-77ds	179-199ds
Milan	2503.90-2514.70	2510.70-2514.70	5-7ds	18-20ds
Montreal	1.9567-1.9664	1.9610-1.9639	0.34-0.26pr	0.57-0.47pr
New York	1.4835-1.4875	1.4845-1.4855	0.31-0.29pr	0.77-0.74pr
Oslo	11.1220-11.1460	11.1220-11.1370	¼pr-¼ds	¾-¾ds
Paris	8.7620-8.7980	8.7840-8.7980	⅝-⅞ds	1¾-2¼ds
Stockholm	12.1610-12.2280	12.1830-12.2070	1½-2½ds	4¾-6¼ds
Tokyo	166.99-167.61	167.34-167.61	⅝-⅝pr	1¾-1½pr
Vienna	18.14-18.20	18.15-18.19	⅛-¼ds	1pr-1ds
Zurich	2.1863-2.2001	2.1970-2.2001	⅜-⅞ds	⅞-⅝pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4845-1.4871
Australia dollar	2.1728-2.1775
Bahrain dinar	0.5535-0.5655
Brazil cruzeiro*	508.41-509.95
Cyprus pound	0.764-0.774
Finland marka	8.4895-8.6055
Greece drachma	367.25-374.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.4887-11.4980
India rupee	46.12-47.08
Kuwait dinar KD	0.439-0.449
Malaysia ringgit	3.9154-3.9212
Mexico peso	4.55-4.66
New Zealand dollar	2.6745-2.6812
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5045-5.6305
Singapore dollar	2.3674-2.3706
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3984-6.4772
S Africa rand (com)	5.0554-5.0619
U A E dirham	5.3905-5.5145

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4598-1.4619
Austria	12.22-12.23
Belgium (Com)	35.98-33.02
Canada	1.3193-1.3203
Denmark	6.749-6.754
France	5.898-5.903
Germany	1.7365-1.7375
Hong Kong	7.7235-7.7245
Ireland	1.4259-1.4289
Italy	1683.6-1685.1
Japan	112.51-112.61
Malaysia	2.6305-2.6325
Netherlands	1.9431-1.9441
Norway	7.4783-7.4833
Portugal	176.5-176.8
Singapore	1.5905-1.5915
Spain	145.1-145.2
Sweden	8.1865-8.1965
Switzerland	1.472-1.473

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5½ Low 4 Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 3 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5. Sell: 2 mth 5; 3 mth: 4⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5-4⅞	
Sterling Money Rates	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5¼-5⅛
Interbank	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5¼-5⅛

Overnight: open 5¼, close 3½

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5¼	5⅛
Sterling CDs	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅛-5
Dollar CDs	3.12	n/a	3.20	3.39	3.70
Building Society CDs	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5⅛-5

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 31, 1993. Agreed rates Jan 26, 1994 to Feb 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.65%. Reference rate Dec 1, 1993 to Dec 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.375%.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3⅛-2¾	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅜-3¼	3¼-2¾
Deutschemark	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅝-5½	6¼-5⅞
French Franc	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6½	6-5⅞	7½-6¾
Swiss Franc	4¼-4	4⅛-3⅞	3⅞-3¾	3⅝-3½	4¼-3½
Yen	2⅛-2¼	2⅛-2¼	2⅛-2	2-1⅞	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD / SILVER / PLATINUM

Bullion: Open $390.40-390.80 Close: $388.45-388.95 High: $390.60-391.10 Low: $384.95-385.45 Krugerrand: $387.50-390.50 (£260.00-262.00)

Sovereigns: Old $89.00-92.00 (£59.50-61.50) New $89.00-92.00 (£59.50-61.50)

Platinum: $389.50 (£261.75) Silver: $5.09 (£3.415) Palladium: $124.75 (£83.85)

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon	650	27½	48½	57½	6	21½	36
(*668)	700	5	24½	33	37½	48½	64
Argyll	280	22½	33	38½	3	11	18
(*295)	300	9	19	28	9½	19½	28
ASDA	60	4½	8	11	2½	5½	7
(*62)	70	1	3½	6	9½	11½	13½
Boots	550	36½	51½	61½	3	13½	22½
(*581)	600	6	23	34	24½	36	47
Br Airways	460	14	32	42	11	23	34
(*464)	500	3½	15½	24½	40	47	57½
BP	360	17½	28½	36	4	12½	19
(*372)	390	4	14½	22½	21½	29½	34½
Br Steel	120	8½	14	19	2	6½	10
(*126½)	130	3½	8½	13½	6½	11½	14½
C & W	500	16½	35	43	11	24	32½
(*504)	525	6½	23	35	26	37½	47
CU	650	21	37½	49½	8½	26½	32½
(*660½)	700	3	12½	26½	43½	58½	62½
ICI	750	34½	52½	67	6½	34	43½
(*779)	800	8	26½	44	32½	63½	71½
Kingfishr	700	52½	70½	84	5½	16½	26
(*746½)	750	19½	39½	54½	24½	35	48
Land Sec	750	29	48	57	5	16	28½
(*771½)	800	4½	21½	30½	33½	41	55½
M & S	420	31½	41½	47½	2	8	14
(*448)	460	6	18½	25	17	26	32½
Nat West	600	17½	31	44	11½	31½	38½
(*605)	650	2½	12½	23½	48½	65½	70½
Sainsbury	460	10	28	38½	11½	23	32½
(*461)	500	1½	12	22	42	48	57
Shell	700	46	54½	64½	2	14	21
(*741)	750	10	23½	38	17	38½	45½
Smkl Bch	390	17	33	44	10½	24	31½
(*395)	420	5	21	31½	30	41	49
Storehse	220	18	27	32½	2	6	10½
(*237)	240	5½	14½	21	8½	14½	19½
Trafalgar	100	11	16½	21	3	7½	11½
(*108)	110	5	11	16	7	12½	17
Unilever	1200	21	52½	72	18½	46½	57½
(*1204½)	1250	5½	29	50	53½	76½	87½
Zeneca	800	54	70½	84½	5	26	36½
(*848)	850	19	41	58	21½	51½	61½
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	460	26	36	45½	13	21	26½
(*478½)	500	8	17½	26½	37½	44	49
Ladbrke	180	14	20	27	13	25	30
(*180)	200	6	14	21	26	38	43
Utd Bisc	360	22	27½	34	9½	21	26½
(*370)	390	7½	13½	21	27	39½	45

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	1050	28	60½	80	14	38	51
(*1067½)	1100	7½	36	55	45½	62½	76½
Thames W	550	18½	34½	43½	8	19½	34
(*558½)	600	2	12½	20½	44	48	65
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	550	23	31½	38½	18	33½	43
(*551)	600	5	14	19½	53½	69	75½
BTR	330	27	32	38	5	12½	16½
(*349)	360	9½	15	23½	19	28½	32
Br Aero	420	30	43	59½	17	32	41½
(*431)	460	13½	28½	41½	42½	56	64½
Br Telecm	460	19	30	37½	9	14	22½
(*466½)	500	5	12	18½	36	38½	45½
Cadbury	493	48½	52½	—	3½	12	—
(*533½)	542	15½	22½	—	19½	35	—
Guinness	460	35	45½	53½	8	20½	26
(*484)	500	13½	24	33	26½	42½	48
GEC	300	26	32½	36½	3	7	12
(*318½)	330	7	14½	19	15½	20½	27
Hanson	260	15	19	22	4	9	13
(*269)	280	5	9	12½	14½	20	23½
LASMO	120	14	23	27½	8	12½	17
(*126)	130	10	18	23	14	17½	23
Lucas	180	22½	26	31½	3½	7½	11
(*197)	200	9	15	21	11	17	21
Pilkingtn	160	22	26½	30½	3	6	9
(*177½)	180	8	14½	19	9½	15	18½
Prudential	360	21½	27	32½	7	16	21
(*371½)	390	6½	12½	18½	24	34½	38
Redland	550	50	59	66½	7	23	30
(*588½)	600	19	31½	41	28	49½	56
Royal Ins	317	28½	—	—	7½	—	—
(*337½)	346	12½	—	—	19½	—	—
Tesco	220	17½	23½	28½	6	13	15½
(*231½)	240	6½	12½	19	15½	24½	26½
Vodafone	600	31½	53½	69	28	43½	55½
(*607½)	650	13½	32	48½	61	73	84
Williams	390	16	24	30½	13	23½	28
(*390½)	420	5	11½	18	37½	43½	47

FT-SE INDEX (*3405½)

	3300	3350	3400	3450	3500	3550
Calls						
Jan	123	82	45	23	9	3½
Feb	146	110	79	53	33	20
Mar	167	131	101	75	52	36
Apr	181	148	118	92	71	53
Jun	214	—	152	—	105	—
Puts						
Jan	9	18	35	66	104	149
Feb	27	40	59	84	116	154
Mar	45	59	79	103	131	167
Apr	58	75	95	120	149	182
Jun	84	—	121	—	174	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	460	43½	49	58	11½	17½	24½
(*491)	500	19	27½	37½	31	37½	44
Amstrad	40	7½	9	11½	3	4	5½
(*44)	45	4½	6½	8½	5	7	8
Barclays	600	40½	50	62	23	30	39
(*617)	650	16½	27½	39	52	58	67
Blue Circ	330	28	33½	42½	14	24	31
(*341)	360	14	19	29	30½	41½	48½
Br Gas	330	29½	34½	38	5½	12	15½
(*350)	360	12	16	22½	18½	28	31
Dixons	240	15½	22½	27	15	20	26½
(*240½)	260	8	14½	19	27½	32½	39
Forte	260	18	23½	29	12½	19½	24
(*264)	280	9½	14	20½	24½	32	35½
Hillsdwn	160	24	26	28	4	9½	12
(*177½)	180	11½	14	17	12½	20½	22½
Lonrho	140	15	20½	25	9½	14	17½
(*145)	160	6½	13	17	22½	26½	30
Sears	120	12	14½	16½	4	6½	8
(*126½)	130	5½	9	11½	8½	12	13½
Thrn Emi	1000	74	97½	112½	18	29½	48½
(*1044)	1050	44	67½	82½	38½	51½	71
Tomkins	240	20	27½	32½	7½	11	16
(*253)	260	11½	17	22	17½	21	26½
TSB	240	18	25½	32½	11½	15½	20½
(*247)	260	9	16	21	24	27	31½
Wellcome	650	63	77½	97	24½	39½	48½
(*681½)	700	37	54½	71½	48½	65½	73½
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	650	63	82½	95½	30½	44	59
(*682)	700	37½	58	70½	57½	69	85½
HSBC	900	61	81	94	53½	68½	80½
(*911)	950	37½	59½	73	83½	97½	108½
Reuter	1800	112½	156	180	78½	102	119½
(*1823½)	1850	85½	130	154	105	126½	143½
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
R-Royce	156	19	—	—	3	—	—
(*170)	176	7½	—	—	13	—	—
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	140	21	28½	34½	13½	20½	25
(*145½)	160	12½	20½	26	25½	32	36
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Eastn Elc	600	52½	63½	73½	6	12	22½
(*648½)	650	17½	33	43½	25	32½	46
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	460	29	39½	46½	17	26	31½
(*468½)	500	10½	24	29	40	48½	55
Scot Pwr	460	23	34½	43½	19½	28½	34
(*463½)	500	8½	17	26½	46½	50½	57½

January 6, 1994 Tot: 50357 Call: 32511 Put: 18046 FT-SE: Call: 5425 Put: 4026
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Cocoa rebounded after Wednesday's heavy losses, but there is increasing concern that the current high rate of arrivals in the Ivorian ports is going to lead to a dramatic revision in deficit forecasts in 1993/4. By the end of 1993 arrivals were over 100,000 tonnes ahead of last years levels, and even allowing for the inclusion of sales in cocoa carried over from last seasons mid-crop the trend is worrying.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	896-895	May	978-977
May	914-913	Jul	988-985
Jul	926-925	Sep	1000-997
Sep	939-938	Dec	1020-1005
Dec	952-951		
Mar	967-966	Volume:	8136

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	1181-1180	Sep	1196-1195
Mar	1200-1197	Nov	1197-1195
May	1199-1197	Jan	1198-1192
Jul	1194-1191	Volume:	4245

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR ($.60pm)

		Oct	11.14-11.28
Spot: 267.5		Jan	10.89-11.05
Mar	10.85-10.95	Mar	10.99-11.03
May	11.12-11.25	May	10.89-11.03
Jul	11.35-11.48	Volume:	83

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	284.5-83.5
Spot: n/a		Dec	284.0-81.5
Mar	286.0-87.5	Mar	285.0-82.5
May	290.0-89.1	May	287.9-83.1
Aug	294.0-93.0	Volume:	987

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 6

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	64.07	98.41	122.09
(+/-)	-6.61	+3.80	+0.28
Eng/Wales:	64.01	98.63	121.39
(+/-)	+18.4	-23.8	+2.9
(%)	-6.64	+3.56	-0.05
Scotland:	67.08	96.32	125.64
(+/-)	-11.05	+4.13	+1.29
(%)	n/a	-62.5	+37.7

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq		Mar	unq	
Sep	unq		Volume: 0		

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	99.00
Mar	100.40
May	101.40
Jun	102.00
Sep	90.60
Volume:	472

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	103.70
Mar	105.70
May	107.50
Sep	92.05
Nov	94.75
Volume:	5

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	
Dec	
Feb	
Apr	
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	127.5
Apr	109.5	107.6
May	126.0	125.0
Volume:		125

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Feb 61.50-62.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): With market sentiment adopting the view that levels have bottomed, a buying panic ensued.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	14.95	+0.80
Brent 15 day (Jan)	14.95	+0.75
Brent 15 day (Feb)	14.55	+0.55
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	15.60	+0.55
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	15.80	+0.50

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	143 (n/c)	145 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	148 (+1)	149 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jan	151 (+1)	152 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Feb	151 (+1)	153 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	56 (+2)	57 (+1)
Naphtha	133 (n/c)	135 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Jan	146.50-46.75	Apr	146.50-46.75
Feb	147.25-47.50	May	147.25 SLR
Mar	147.00-47.25	Jun	147.00-48.50
		Vol:	17184

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	14.50-14.51	May	14.72 BID
Mar	14.48-14.49	Jun	14.85-14.93
Apr	14.56-14.60	Vol:	50860

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jan	134.00-46.50	Apr	158.50 SLR
Feb	136.00-50.50	May	161.50 SLR
Mar	unq	Vol:	50

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 94	1215	1210	1217
Feb 94	1250	1250	1253
Mar 94	1270	1270	1270
Apr 94	1282	1282	1293

Vol: 109 lots. Open int'st: 2322 Index 1213 same

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1739.0-1740.0	1760.0-1760.5	2514275
Lead ($/tonne)	453.00-453.50	466.00-466.50	129100
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	972.00-972.50	991.00-991.50	804450
Tin ($/tonne)	4765.0-4770.0	4810.0-4815.0	18310
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1134.5-1135.0	1150.5-1151.0	1142075
Nickel ($/tonne)	5200.0-5203.0	5270.0-5275.0	101124

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Picking through the junk for an S&L connection

Wolfgang Münchau traces a common thread running through three scandals that rocked America in the 1980s

The sordid tale of the Arkansas savings and loans *scandal*, a source of much trouble for President Clinton, has one salutary aspect: it reminds us, more than anything else ever did, how easy it was during the 1980s to exploit an incompetent regulatory framework and plunder a bank.

Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan Association was, of course, only a small thrift, yet its demise was typical of the way owners bent the system for their own benefit. This week, by sheer coincidence of timing, George Akerlof and Paul Romer, two economists at the University of Berkeley, published one of the most detailed studies* ever undertaken on the demise of the S&L industry, and how it connects to the rise and fall of the junk bond market and the collapse of the real estate market in Dallas, Texas.

Their surprising conclusion is that these different scandals have a common thread, the result of a cocktail of deregulation and the certainty that the government will bail you out, come what may. This certainty was responsible for establishing "perverse incentives" where "going broke" became more profitable than "going for broke". The distinction is crucial. It means that in the case of owners of S&Ls, the most profitable strategy was not to be prudent or even to take reckless risks, but to incur losses.

The rise and fall of Madison Guaranty and countless other savings and loan companies follows a similar pattern. They were conservatively run and mostly small, and they suffered enormous difficulties from the Federal Reserve's high-interest rate policies in the early-1980s.

The Reagan government's response to the squeeze in this industry was to deregulate the industry, allowing thrifts to operate like commercial banks. But instead, the difficulties facing the S&L industry grew even worse, requiring a multi-billion bail-out from the federal government at the end of the process.

From an economic point of view, the combination of deregulation, imperfect supervision and the expectation of a government bail-out eventually provided an incentive to looters, friends and family to borrow from their own bank, default on their loans and finally declare bankruptcy. Or they paid themselves excessive dividends, greater than the net worth of the bank. The bubble would burst eventually, but, as events have shown, this can take a surprisingly long time.

This is what might have happened at Madison Guaranty, where the directors and family were accused of borrowing from their bank and defaulting. What is unclear is whether the then-Governor Clinton received loans, directly or indirectly, in order to finance his campaigns.

In their study, Akerlof and Romer write that "bankruptcy for profit occurs most commonly when a government guarantees a firm's debt obligations . . . a dollar in increased dividends today is worth a dollar to owners, but a dollar in increased future earnings of the firm is worth nothing because future payments accrue to the creditors who will be left holding the bag." Worse still, they argue this pattern spreads like a cancer to other markets, "bringing to life a whole economic underworld with perverse incentives".



In S&L, Michael Milken found the capital to sustain junk bonds

This problem is in some respects related to the moral hazard of deposit insurance, which leads to increased risk-taking in securities markets, if not reckless investments, since the downside risk is limited, a case of "heads I win, tails I break even". Under a perfect deposit insurance — which does not exist in reality — the optimal strategy would be simply to take the riskiest gambles, and to play the markets as much as possible.

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The case of the S&L companies is different in that the government bail-out was not explicit at the time of the fraud, although it was to be expected. Furthermore, a case of an owner essentially robbing his own bank does not involve a financial risk, other than the small risk of being successfully prosecuted. In fact, many of the trials in these cases went nowhere.

The theory of looting may well explain the mechanism that led to the downfall of the S&L industry. But what of the spill-over into other markets? It is here that Akerlof's and Romer's conclusions are at their most surprising, and also at their most controversial.

They found large multiplier effects in the case of the Dallas property market and junk bonds. The first is more intuitive than the second. An owner of an S&L in pursuit of a strategy of reckless looting would naturally find his way into the property market. But there is nothing new about that. An explosion in the availability of credit, caused either by deregulation or lower interest rates, would tend to distort property prices anywhere. It did so in Britain. In the case of Dallas, there were also special factors, such as the fall in oil prices during the 1980s, that contributed to the collapse in the property market.

The argument that draws the connection between the thrift and the junk bond scandals is more complicated. Only a relatively small amount of the thrifts' reckless lending went directly into the junk bond market so that the effects are much less direct than they were in the case of Texan real estate. Here, the authors construct a more complex argument. First of all, they assert that the unique, almost monopolistic role of Michael Milken and Drexel Burnham Lambert led to a distorted market capable of being rigged by a relatively small number of people.

Enter an S&L owner with his mind set on looting. The more junk bonds he buys, the greater his profits in the short run. Hence, the mere existence of an irrational buyer, who as a looter is more willing to take on junks bonds than an ordinary investor would under the same circumstances, is capable of unbalancing an already lopsided market by driving up the price of junks bonds and thus lowering the yields. The effect is enhanced further through the phenomenon of copy-cat investors.

For Milken, the thrifts amounted to an ideal source of a vast pool of capital he needed to sustain the junk bond market *and to inflate the value of the bonds*. The market was distorted further through the 500 parmerships he controlled. These served the purpose to ensure full subscription of issues, to mark up bond prices and to extract warrants or other sweeteners from the issuer, which were often not passed on to the final purchaser of the debt.

Akerlof and Romer conclude that "the opportunities for looting occur when the value of the take net of the cost of prosecution exceeds the expected value of the underlying institution. Under such circumstances, there is special reason for owners of the financial institution to make shady deals with those who make large current payments and unkeepable future promises."

The policy lessons of this fiasco are not necessarily more regulation. In a response to this article, Greg Mankiw, a Harvard economist, said that the general lesson from the thrift crisis, is that "government intervention into private markets is usually more expensive and has more perverse incentive effects than one can anticipate".

Without question, deposit insurance no longer has the support among economists that it once enjoyed. But equally it is misleading to blame the thrift scandal solely on government intervention. After all the fiasco happened in a period of unprecedented deregulation.

Rather, it seems, the real economic cause behind the scandals was a combination of overzealous deregulation and a policy to mollycoddle investors at the expense of taxpayers. If there is any one lesson in this debacle, it is the folly of abandoning the age-old principle of caveat emptor.

*George A Akerlof and Paul M Romer, *Looting: The Economic Underworld of Bankruptcy for Profit*, in Brookings Papers on Economic Activity 2, published January 1994.

TEMPUS

Games over at Dixons

TRADING statements from Nintendo earlier this year ought to have been enough to mark down Dixons before the Christmas shopping got under way. Games consoles are toys rather than standard consumer electronic products and therefore suffer more from the unpredictable tastes of children. Yesterday's profits warning from Dixons also confirms that the attention span of the average child for Sonic the Hedgehog and Super Mario is shorter than that of an equity market maker.

All is not lost, however. Brown and white goods are increasingly being sold in out-of-town warehouses rather than on the high street and Dixons is enjoying good like-for-like sales increases at its Currys Superstore. The company should have 159 outlets by the end of April and another 30 in the next financial year, with the new units totalling some 13,000 sq ft each. What is more worrying for Dixons is the loss of margin from games over Christmas.

In addition to a shrinking market, the value of sales of games consoles fell between 40 and 50 per cent after price cutting from Woolworths and others. Shifting cardboard boxes is a game that warehouse discounters can easily play, leaving the cost of building a market to the high street players and their higher overheads. Dixons should be able to resist major threats to its market share but increasing it further in the world of warehouse clubs will be a hard slog.

Any attempt to forecast Dixons results is as subject to traps and nasties as a video game but profits of £85 million before exceptionals would put the shares on a multiple of 18 for the year. Too high for comfort.

Shaftesbury

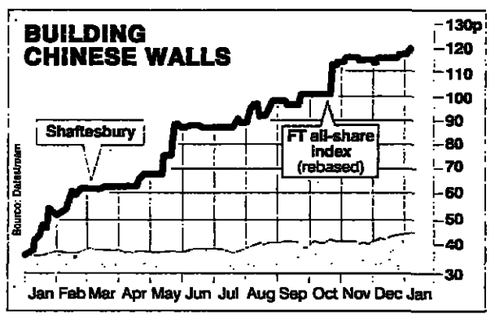
THE fate of the Trocadero at Piccadilly Circus and its neighbouring Island site serves as a useful reminder to property developers of the folly of grandiose development schemes.

Since the 1960s, at least three mega-plans to redevelop the area have been mooted, with the last effort landing Sanwa and Lloyds Bank with a mountain of bad debt.

Ironically, it is not the loud and brassy Trocadero that is attracting most interest now, but its annexe, the Island site, left to decay while Power Corporation and Brent Walker built their dream palace. A collection of low-rise buildings, it is a natural extension of Chinatown at its north end on Shaftesbury Avenue, while the southern flank will trap the youth retail market with video entertainment and theme restaurants.

The successful property companies of the 1990s will be good asset managers, not developers, and, on its Chinatown Estate, Shaftesbury has shown that it has the skills at increasing value with minimum intervention. Throughout the recession, rents continued to rise in Chinatown while those in neighbouring streets plummeted.

Shaftesbury mended its balance sheet in the summer with a share placing and is now back in profit. The shares already discount substantial growth, but prospects could be better still if the company extends its estate to parts of the Island site next year.



LWT Holdings

IN free markets the simplest investments often prove the most attractive and in hindsight, LWT's proposed tripartite alliance was too complex to succeed. Even the best legal minds in the City could not conjure up a merger of three TV franchises that offered an investment certainty to shareholders without causing the regulator to reject the package for exceeding the two-franchise rule.

LWT shareholders may face the prospect of no increase in the cash offer from Granada unless the London franchise produces an impressive forecast in its next defence document. Investors in the sector are left no wiser as any easing of rules on cross-media holdings will not take effect until next year.

That leaves the bidding war to existing players and outsiders with more money than sense. Anglia shares are now trading at some 30 times prospective earnings, roughly the level of Granada's offer for LWT. But Anglia, albeit a good franchise, scarcely offers the programme capability of an LWT or a Central. Meanwhile, the profitability of all the ITV franchises has been affected by Yorkshire's advertising debacle: its loss of market share has left the others facing increased contributions to the network.

Now, the ITV franchises are looking expensive with too few potential bidders to drive prices up. If Gerry Robinson can keep his nerve, he may yet take LWT without firing another shot.

W Morrison

WILLIAM Morrison could have said its sales for the year to date were 30 per cent up on last year and investors would have been relatively unmoved. What really matters is margins, not sales. And on that all-important subject the company remained annoyingly tight-lipped.

The last news on margins was at the interim results when Morrison admitted operating margins had fallen from 5.8 per cent to 5.2 per cent, reflecting increasing price competition. That competition can only have intensified since then. Not only does Morrison face pressure from the growing number of discounters in its north of England heartland, but it now has to compete with the major multiples who are using price as a genuine weapon rather than a marketing gimmick.

The seriousness of that threat is confirmed by the latest AGB market share statistics, which show Tesco and Sainsbury gaining ground while discounters such as Kwik Save, who have prospered for so long, are faltering. If Morrison can show it has stopped the rot on its margin decline, it will be doing well.

China

THOSE bushwhacking property speculators who still regard China as the next frontier may find Vice Premier Zhu Rongji has ways of sending them running back to the corral. News from Hong Kong suggest property tycoons are lobbying hard to curb the implementation of draconian taxes at rates as high as 90 per cent on profits from property dealing. The harsh regime could slice 30-60 per cent off profits on top of corporate taxes of 30 per cent.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Post union backs Sunday collection

From the general secretary, Union of Communication Workers

Sir, The report by Philip Bassett on delivery of Sunday newspapers by the Post Office (January 5) correctly highlighted the ridiculous constraints placed upon the Post Office by the Government.

Since the beginning of the review process, the UCW has argued that the business must remain as an integrated network in the public sector but with financial and competitive constraints removed. We are pleased that others are now becoming convinced that this is the only logical outcome to any objective review.

The reaction of the union to the prospect of increased Sunday working will depend upon our ability to ensure that such attendances are voluntary and paid at the appropriate rates. The majority of postmen and women still have a Monday to Saturday, six-day working week, which we intend to shorten rather than extend.

This is, however, in the context of a seven-day service which, contrary to your article, we have always supported. Sunday collections were not withdrawn in the mid-1970s "because of trade union opposition". They were withdrawn by the Post Office as a cost-saving measure. The union vigorously opposed their cessation. We predicted that service would suffer and we were right.

I would be grateful if you could correct this example of trade unions being blamed for managerial incompetence.

Yours faithfully,
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Tunnel vision for charity funds

TIMES are hard at Standard Chartered. The banking group has been plagued by problems in India, where it is one of four foreign banks accused of being the biggest players in the Bombay securities market scandal — one that cost it £305 million in 1992. Speculation about a rights issue to strengthen the bank's capital base continues, although Standard is trying out alternatives, such as the recent securitisation of assets. But *things really seemed* to have hit rock bottom this week when a letter arrived on a colleague's desk from Malcolm Williamson, group chief executive, asking for cheques to be sent to the bank's head office in Aldermanbury Square. What? A whip-round? Not quite. Far from seeking help for the bank, Williamson is trying to raise £100,000 in a sponsored 31-mile walk through the Channel tunnel in aid of cancer research. Daley Thompson, the Olympic gold medallist, will lead 99 walkers representing 51 charities on the walk, scheduled for February 12. "I just hope he is not setting the pace," quips Williamson.

Feeding the fire

ONE of Britain's most remote *pubs is at the centre of a bizarre* fund-raising plea. The Saltersgate Inn on an isolated corner of the North York Moors between Pickering and Whitby, has a strange claim to fame. It is said that its fire has been kept going without interruption for 198 years. The inn was once frequented by smugglers, one of whom is said to be buried beneath the hearth, and legend has it that, if the fire goes out, the Devil will come to haunt the pub and, indeed, the entire region. The inn changed hands last year, and the new owner, Michael Milner, is appealing for help in meeting the £150-a-month cost of feeding the fire with coal and logs. Peat freely available on the moors can no longer be used due to a ban on cutting, and Milner believes that the Yorkshire Tourist Board should contribute towards the cost.



WHO said there was money in football? Crystal Palace had a fantastic run in the weeks before Christmas and ended up top of the First Division. How were the players rewarded for their efforts? With £10 Sainsbury's shopping vouchers. "It wasn't even Fortum & Mason," wails one insider. The football club sold off part of its ground to Sainsbury a few years back.

Absent foe

ONE notable absentee from the Bank of France's spanking new Monetary Policy Council is Alexis Gourvenec, better known in the UK as chairman of Britanny Ferries, and an exporter of fruit and veg to these shores. His exclusion has been put down to pressure from France's powerful agricultural union, the FNSEA. Evidently, it angered the union that Gourvenec, who since the 1970s has developed from being an aggressive defender of Breton pig producers into an important figure in Credit Agricole, the French farmers' bank, should be able to bypass the union and reflect the view of the French agricultural community within such a senior body — and at a stipend of about £80,000 a year and for one day's work per week. The council is holding its first meeting today.

City freedom

A GOOD start to the new year for *Bijan Sedghi, chairman of* Bromsgrove Industries, the Birmingham-based specialist engineering group. He was admitted yesterday to The Blacksmith Livery Company, which dates back to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, and was made a Freeman of the City of London to boot — allowing him to drive his proverbial flock of sheep over London Bridge.

Independent view

A GLIMMER of hope entered into the eyes of John Moore, veteran insurance reporter at *The Independent*, yesterday when he heard that *Lloyd's List*, so-called bible of the insurance market, had cash to spare. In reponse to remarks by Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, that the paper had returned to profit. Moore could not restrain himself. "Will they be taking a stake in *The Independent*?" he enquired.

Bubbling over

ROBIN Hepburn of Dewe Rogerson, the public relations consultant to this year's flotation of Gartmore, the fund manager, showed some highly-paid financiers a clean pair of heels at a dinner for advisers to the float earlier this month. All were asked, well before the recent surge, to forecast where the FT-SE 100 would be come the year end; *very few were sufficiently optimistic*, but Hepburn came in on 3,412, spitting distance from Friday's 3,418.4 close, to win the requisite bottle of champagne. The only entrant to the sweepstake any higher was a super-bull from Slaughter & May — I thought lawyers were supposed to be cautious souls — at almost 3,800. Paul Myners, Gartmore's chief executive and so presumably the most experienced market-watcher there, barely scraped above 3,300 with his forecast.

COTTAGE Delight, a speciality food company from Leekbrook, Staffordshire, obviously takes a cautious view of these recessionary times. Its delivery vans carry the proud claim: "Survived since 1974."

JON ASHWORTH

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Europe	206.60	220.90*	+ 0.20	1.50
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Global Bond	71.65	75.64	- 0.16	5.30
Global Growth	132.80	141.50*	+ 0.30	...
Japan Growth	195.90	210.30	- 0.20	1.67
Japan Smlr Cos	170.70	182.00	+ 0.80	...
Korea Trust	69.50	74.30	+ 1.14	...
Portfolio	140.00	149.60	+ 0.40	3.20
UK Growth	95.88	102.00	+ 0.20	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	94.44	101.00	+ 0.50	1.90
Select Managers	78.31	83.76	+ 0.23	2.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
20-24 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL				
071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	79.68	84.55	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	94.66	98.15	...	...
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD				
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6462				
Special Sits	178.10	190.50	+ 1.50	0.49
Dividend	85.54	91.49	+ 1.20	4.17
Int Gilt & Inc	223.90	244.80*	- 2.00	2.64
UK & Gen	47.08	50.35	- 0.66	1.28
Fund of Funds	68.53	73.29	+ 0.32	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR				
041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	112.15	119.95	+ 0.28	1.55
Smaller Cos	101.19	108.25	+ 0.54	1.03
Higher Yield	46.61	49.88*	+ 0.14	3.01
American Gth Inc	72.16	77.17	+ 0.75	...
European Growth	130.05	139.07	- 0.19	0.17
Global Bond Inc	31.70	33.63*	- 0.05	4.86
Mngd Profio Inc	43.91	46.96	+ 0.18	1.06
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL				
071 480 7788				
Short Dated Gilt	70.20	71.15	- 0.12	4.90
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AR				
061 837 5060				
Environ	154.30	164.20*	+ 0.10	1.58
UK Growth	172.50	183.60	- 0.30	1.71
UK Income	143.20	152.40	+ 0.20	3.64
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA				
0707 653 122				
Can Gen Dist	195.30	207.00	- 0.50	1.75
-do- Income Dist	117.70	124.80	+ 0.30	4.28
Gilt & Fxd Int	45.82	48.57	- 0.10	5.60
For Cannon see Lincoln National				

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
35 Fenchurch Street, Manchester M12 3AF				
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	151.30	161.00	+ 0.60	...
European Inc	78.44	83.07	- 0.39	0.53
Far East & Gen	95.67	99.87	- 0.45	...
Smaller Cos (4-11	79.06	84.11	+ 0.69	1.55
Growth	438.30	466.20	+ 1.40	1.96
Income & Growth	443.40	471.80	+ 1.90	3.15
Master Portfolio	11049	11475*	+35.00	1.90
Special Sits	99.64	106.00*	+ 0.01	1.93
High Yield	1419.0	1463.0	+ 6.00	3.69
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS				
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh				
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 564				
American Gwth Tst	38.07	40.71	+ 0.26	0.90
Cash Income	50.26	50.26	+ 0.01	5.30
European Gwth	39.54	42.17	+ 0.20	0.03
Income & Gwth Inc	29.51	31.56	+ 0.26	3.92
Intnl Gwth	31.67	33.87	+ 0.09	0.76
Japan Gwth	24.77	26.49	+ 0.25	...
Managed Tst Inc	51.41	54.98	- 0.73	0.48
Oriental Opps Inc	176.70	188.00	+10.10	0.52
Property Shares	44.94	48.06*	- 1.15	1.69
Smaller Cos	31.07	33.22	- 0.16	1.59
UK Growth Tst	26.78	28.64	- 0.20	2.63
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Inc Global Inc	75.07	80.28	- 0.12	1.60
Cap Inc UK Inc	71.19	76.13	- 0.15	2.25
Exempt	23.59	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	36.41	38.34	+ 0.06	0.38
European Acc	37.39	39.39	+ 0.07	0.38
Financial	157.30	168.20	+ 0.60	2.42
Foundation	91.86	98.24	- 0.17	2.59
German	51.78	55.37	- 0.48	0.07
High Income	82.12	87.82†	+ 1.16	5.81
Income	141.80	151.60	+ 0.80	3.63
Intl Growth	38.27	40.93	- 0.17	0.16
Mngd Pfolio Inc	110.60	118.20	- 0.10	1.56
Mngd Pfolio Acc	210.30	224.90	- 0.40	1.56
Monthly Income	84.67	90.55†	+ 0.65	3.56
North American	169.50	117.10†	+ 0.50	0.15
Orient	147.80	158.00	- 3.00	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH				
071 606 0706				
Cazenove Portfolio	84.47	90.35†	+ 0.25	2.12
American Portfolio	91.24	97.28†	+ 0.36	0.99
European Portfolio	92.59	98.75	- 0.05	1.00
Japanese Portfolio	68.54	66.78	+ 0.78	...
Pacific Portfolio	159.73	171.76†	- 4.15	0.65
UK Inc & Growth	77.20	82.80	+ 0.23	3.58
Utility & Bond	59.92	60.66	- 0.44	5.91
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 832 5080				
UK General Tst	67.75	72.08	- 0.10	2.77
Global Tst	64.30	68.40	+ 0.75	0.28
Recovery Tst	71.30	75.85	- 0.01	1.74
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD				
071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	130.23	162.18†	...	...
UK Growth	109.46	116.54	...	4.07
UK Income	111.05	120.94†	...	4.02
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1				
071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	90.03	97.20	...	1.72
Beck Bio-Tech	41.93	44.61†	+ 1.47	...
Beckman Ethical Tst	154.50	162.69†	...	1.74
City Fin Assets	73.45	77.32	...	1.59
City Fin America	91.38	95.66	...	...
City Fin Intl	79.89	84.09	...	0.47
City Fin Japan	194.34	204.57	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	279.67	295.95†	...	2.21
Friars Hse Inc	210.15	222.38	...	4.81
Buckley Wrld Grth	143.68	152.85	...	0.65
Fairmut Cap Grth	148.70	156.53	+ 8.65	...
-do- Inc & Gth	117.34	124.52	+ 0.32	1.56
Fairmount Intl	167.71	176.54	+ 5.77	...
City Fin Pfio Inc	62.99	67.01†	- 0.32	2.48
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
99 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XD				
Emerging Markets	65.21	69.19	+ 0.10	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	58.29	62.85	+ 0.14	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	38.32	41.20	- 0.12	0.05
Dragon Growth	85.20	91.12	- 3.67	0.19
Equity High Inc	86.23	93.61†	+ 0.09	3.32
European Gwth	49.58	52.60	+ 0.10	0.87
Evergreen	30.86	33.03	+ 0.03	...
General Equity	88.27	93.65	+ 0.48	2.04
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.76	29.18†	+ 0.01	7.87
Japan Growth	43.50	46.57	- 0.17	...
Pacific Growth	52.18	55.36	+ 0.07	1.94
Pen Sm Cos Inc	32.06	34.02	+ 0.07	0.78
Retirement Inc	27.84	29.94	+ 0.15	4.96
Special Sits	37.76	40.39	+ 0.12	1.78
UK & Overseas	51.48	54.62	- 0.23	0.92
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YV				
0634 848 000				
Capital	67.70	72.41	+ 0.20	2.65
Income	64.95	69.46	+ 0.17	3.58
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park,				
Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9855				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	170.84	181.74	- 0.53	4.86
Fixed & Convertible	47.60	50.64†	- 0.12	5.61
Monthly Inc Plus	54.35	57.82	+ 0.01	7.75
Preference Shares	52.76	56.34†	- 0.07	6.75
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	138.99	147.86†	+ 0.63	5.56
Managed Fund	70.56	75.06	- 0.36	2.69
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	41.80	44.47	- 0.28	1.85
UK & General	81.53	86.73	- 0.15	2.50
UK Growth	141.23	150.24	- 0.16	1.59
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	183.49	195.20	- 1.02	...
Far Eastern Grth	149.42	158.96	- 2.84	0.26
Global Bond	88.21	93.83	- 0.07	5.70
Japan Growth	109.72	116.72	- 0.61	...
North Amer Grth	165.73	176.31	- 1.37	...
Oriental Growth	95.08	101.15	- 2.70	...
Worldwide Growth	64.03	68.12	+ 0.10	0.25
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.41	92.41	+ 0.01	4.71
Homemaker Fund	80.33	85.46	- 0.25	1.79
Quilter Fund	143.69	152.86	+ 0.12	1.94
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN				
0438 744 860				
Growth Inc	60.29	64.13†	+ 0.16	2.60
High Income	35.74	38.02	+ 0.09	4.50
Japan	32.35	34.41	+ 0.08	0.41
Smaller Cos Inc	30.98	32.95	+ 0.13	2.30
Smaller Cos	32.24	34.29	+ 0.13	2.30
North American	33.27	35.39	+ 0.11	0.50
European	36.53	38.86	- 0.07	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX				
071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	32.51	34.87	...	4.24
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 388				
Growth	142.30	151.30	+ 0.90	1.85
Income	78.36	83.37	+ 0.50	4.11
European	59.44	63.24†	- 0.06	0.77
Recovery	139.90	148.90	+ 1.90	1.55
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	865.60	879.90†	...	3.45
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
0277 696 370				
Fellowship Tst	72.66	77.30	- 0.13	1.62
Income	250.60	266.70	- 0.10	3.18
Smaller Cos	141.40	150.50	- 1.00	0.88
Inv Portfolio	84.98	85.73	- 0.37	1.75
High Income Part	70.99	75.52	- 0.09	3.42
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS				
071 480 0477				
Euro Small Cos	1453.7	1482.8†	+15.90	...
Japan Small Cos	1055.0	1076.1†	+24.70	...
UK Small Cos	1734.4	1807.7†	+20.10	...
US Small Cos	1636.7	1662.5	+10.90	...
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1				
071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	205.30	213.85	- 0.34	1.66
Smaller Cos Acc	355.41	370.22	- 0.41	1.68
Recovery	34.21	36.47†	+ 1.45	2.02
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB				
0392 412 144				
Balanced	122.52	130.13	...	4.41
Capital Growth	85.31	91.49	...	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	47.64	50.83†	...	0.22
High Income	80.11	83.46†	...	8.28
Warrant	66.93	72.75	...	...
Zero Preference	38.03	40.36†	...	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	76.77	81.66	...	2.30
Family Income Tst	52.83	56.19	...	5.73
Family Trust	83.27	88.58	...	1.19
United Charities	258.60	275.00	...	3.25

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ				
Customer Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.80
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Conservative Risk UK	25.34	26.69	...	3.04
-do- Europe	24.34	25.85	- 0.10	4.90
-do- Americs	23.87	25.15	+ 0.02	0.48
-do- Acc Japan	27.26	28.78	+ 0.09	0.71
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	32.10	32.38	- 0.14	6.12
Intl Bond	33.19	34.61	- 0.05	4.76
Income Funds				
High Income	28.78	30.28†	+ 0.05	-4.68
Income Plus	126.80	134.50†	+ 2.40	3.86
Amer Eq Inc	48.32	51.27	+ 0.06	1.86
European Income	44.28	47.10	+ 0.10	2.40
Far East Inc	67.54	72.31	- 0.06	2.32
Global Convertible	25.08	28.76†	+ 0.14	2.13
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	78.99	84.26	- 2.23	...
American	234.00	248.10	+ 1.00	...
Amer Spec Sits	112.30	119.70	+ 0.50	...
Japan Smaller Cos	36.46	38.89	+ 0.48	...
European	157.40	167.40	+ 0.60	...
European Opps	58.75	62.47	+ 0.05	...
UK Growth	88.83	94.43	+ 0.16	...
Growth & Inc	159.60	169.70†	+ 1.10	2.40
Intl PEP	36.19	38.48	+ 0.01	...
Japan Spec Sits	70.99	85.32	+ 0.70	...
Japan	170.80	182.40	+ 0.40	...
Managed Intl	262.00	278.60	+ 0.40	...
Moneybuilder	51.75	55.21	+ 0.16	...
Recovery	43.45	46.20	+ 0.49	...
South E Asia	177.60	189.50	-11.60	...
Special Sits	506.10	538.20	+ 5.50	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	115.70	121.90	+ 0.20	2.98
UK Reverse Index	71.01	74.96	- 0.22	4.97
Europe Index	117.90	124.10	- 0.90	4.45
-do- Reverse Index	64.71	68.20	- 0.25	5.39
America Index	102.80	108.20	+ 0.20	0.82
-do- Reverse Index	93.89	99.04	- 0.23	0.94
Japan Index	117.30	123.50	....	1.00
-do- Reverse Index	98.93	104.40	....	1.48
Cash Accum Units	103.98	103.98	+ 0.01	4.80
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 844 2760				
Balanced	146.40	149.60	....	2.02
Inc Portfio	92.96	94.72†	+ 0.37	3.37
Cap Portfio	156.50	159.60†	....	0.56
General Opps	133.80	135.80	....	3.16
Growth Inc	32.58	33.18	- 0.39	2.06
Private Portfolio	435.30	443.20	....	1.58
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Admins, PO Box 2800, Brentwood, Essex				
CM13 1LX Enq: 0277 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 089				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial:				
European	112.70	119.10	- 0.20	0.33
Far Eastern	175.80	188.20	....	....
High Income	33.74	35.28†	- 0.06	6.99
Overseas Income	100.30	115.40†	- 0.10	2.85
UK Income	115.00	123.00†	- 1.00	3.76
UK Income	113.40	121.20	+ 1.10	4.95
US Smaller Cos	290.50	310.70	+ 2.20	....
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX				
071 407 5966				
Eagle Star Inc	52.11	55.44†	+ 0.23	3.75
-do- Inv Tst Inc	79.82	84.91	- 0.03	3.65
Intl Growth	73.94	78.66	....	1.15
Investment Trust	93.42	99.38	- 0.10	0.22
UK Smaller Cos	81.78	87.00†	+ 0.50	1.26
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3TF				
071 374 4000				
American Growth	55.49	59.41	+ 0.56	....
(Accum Units)	55.49	59.41	+ 0.56	....
Amer Smlr Cos	495.70	530.10	+ 0.40	....
(Accum Units)	506.40	541.50	+ 0.30	....
Capital Growth	112.30	119.70	+ 0.50	1.78
(Accum Units)	440.10	468.10	+ 2.60	1.78
Confl Smlr Cos	56.76	60.84	+ 1.10	0.47
(Accum Units)	59.34	63.60	+ 1.15	0.47
Convertible	135.10	148.60	+ 0.80	5.02
(Accum Units)	270.80	289.80	+ 1.60	5.02
Emerging Markets	89.60	95.72†	+ 0.29	....
(Accum Units)	89.97	95.80†	+ 0.29	....
European	116.70	124.00	- 0.40	0.18
(Accum Units)	121.20	128.30	- 0.40	0.18
Extra Income	343.80	364.60	+ 3.00	3.27
(Accum Units)	460.90	522.10	+ 4.30	3.27
Financial	127.60	136.80	- 1.30	0.32
(Accum Units)	133.60	143.30	- 1.40	0.32
Gilt Trust	72.51	76.76	+ 0.16	5.34
(Accum Units)	96.00	98.98	- 0.20	5.34
Health Fund Inc	140.40	150.00	+ 1.10	....
(Accum Units)	140.40	150.00	+ 1.10	....
Income Growth	1203.00	1278.10†	+ 9.00	3.19
(Accum Units)	398.40	317.40†	+ 2.20	3.19
Intl Growth	368.10	395.60	+ 2.20	....
(Accum Units)	408.70	439.30	+ 2.40	....
Japan & Gen	189.20	193.10	+ 0.40	....
(Accum Units)	190.00	195.00	+ 0.40	....
Managed Port Inc	107.20	112.80	+ 0.30	0.64
(Accum Units)	112.70	118.60	+ 0.40	0.64
Monthly Income	172.60	183.50	+ 1.30	3.41
Quarterly Income	57.53	61.18	+ 0.04	3.41
(Accum Units)	57.53	62.57	+ 0.04	5.04
Recovery	339.00	362.50	+ 2.10	0.25
(Accum Units)	398.30

Volatile session

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 4. Dealings end January 14. §Contango day January 17. Settlement day January 24. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	345	Abbey Nat	491	-2	11.8	3.0	18.9
305	179	Allied Irish	306	+6	...	3.4	18.6
239½	130	Aus New Z	221	-2	...	4.1	∞
3806¼	2712½	Bankamerica	3112½	+31¼	...	...	...
305	177	Bk of Ireland	308	+2	...	4.1	22.5
375	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	27.0	5.7	...
240½	116½	Bank Scotland	230	+5	4.6	2.7	29.9
652	362	Barclays	617	+3	...	2.5	...
28	15½	Carlisle	26½	...	...	...	...
610	398	Cater Allen	608	...	28.0	5.8	...
174	85	Cattles	172	...	...	3.3	22.9
2487½	1787½	Chase Manh	2231¼	-9¼	...	...	...
2600	1343¾	Citicorp	2487½	...	...	...	...
513	250	Close Bros	513	+13	...	2.7	18.7
£155	9275	Commerzbk	£147½	-237½	...	2.7	...
£1348½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£1331¼	-862½	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	61	+½	...	1.0	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	476	...	21.5	5.6	12.7
987	490	HSBC	905	-60	20.0	2.8	21.7
1007	474	HSBC HK	921	-61	20.0	2.7	22.0
423	243	Hambros	395	-2	14.3	4.5	18.2
428	313	Joseph (L)	418	...	16.7	5.0	...
155	96	King Shaxson	134	...	9.0	8.4	...
599	312	Kleinwort Ben	586	-2	18.7	3.6	20.3
640	492	Lloyds	640	-2	19.1	3.7	18.3
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	95	...	2.9	3.8	18.8
575	322	Nat Aust Bk	573	+6	...	4.0	∞
634	398	Nat West	604	+6	17.9	3.7	36.7
460	320	Provident	456	+1	12.4	3.4	19.7
62	39	Rea Bros	62	...	0.5	1.1	65.9
470	207	Ryl Bk Scot	451	+8	...	3.0	20.4
1368	467½	Schroders	1365	+2	...	1.1	27.2
1263	576	Stand Chart	1210	-16	20.5	2.1	...
360	145½	TSB	247	+6	6.4	3.2	...
190	78	Union Disc	166	-1	...	...	...
948	529	Warburg SG	934	-22	...	2.6	13.7
8831¼	4843¾	Wells Fargo	8625	-112½	...	2.3	...
314	121	Westpac	211	...	...	2.6	∞
325	188	Wintrust	314	-1	9.3	3.7	24.1

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	668	+10	...	4.0	18.5
647	441	Bass	570	+22	...	4.3	15.5
299	199	Boddington	282	+2	7.5	3.4	16.4
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	404†	...	...	3.2	16.2
184	129	Burtonwd Brw	184	+5	4.7	3.2	15.4
145	75	Eldridge P 'A'•	143†	+1	...	3.1	∞
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	63½	-1½	...	4.3	∞
435	338	Fullr Sm 'A'•	438†	+5	7.5	2.2	18.4
482½	373	Grand Met	479	+8	...	3.5	18.3
475	347	Greenalls Grp	465†	-3	...	3.3	16.0
575	505	Greene King	551†	-2	...	2.8	15.4
521	388	Guinness	484	+12	...	3.1	18.1
281	230	Hardy Hansn	241	...	8.5	4.3	∞
138	105	Heavitree•	135	...	3.0	2.8	∞
364	255	Highland Distl	354	...	...	2.3	17.6
3138	2538	Hoh J	3138	...	42.0	1.7	20.4
80	33	Hoskins Brew	75	...	...	...	34.0
323	293	Invergordn Dist	301	...	...	2.9	17.2
186	118	Macallan-Glen	133	...	4.3	4.1	29.9
465	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	420	+5	...	2.6	20.0
246	164	Mansfield	246	...	...	2.0	17.6
299	231	Marston Thmp	273	...	...	2.5	15.2
570	388½	Matthew Clark	569	...	...	4.0	19.0
300	230	Mrrydwn W	230	+2	7.0	3.8	20.6
580	455	Morland	513	...	...	2.4	17.6
12	6½	Paramount•	10½	-½	...	2.1	∞
224	145	Regent Inns	224	+2	...	2.5	22.7
1521	753	SA Breweries	1482	+2	...	1.9	24.5
554	393	Scot & New	537†	+8	...	4.0	16.5
225	155½	Taunton Cider	172	...	6.2	4.5	13.4
283	213	Vaux Group	268†	-1	9.5	4.4	∞
377	225	Wetherspoon JD	377	+6	...	1.8	28.3
592	435	Whitbread 'A'	571	-1	...	3.9	13.7
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	526	...	12.6	3.0	∞
515	475	Young 'A'	488	+3	14.7	3.8	20.2

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
180	73	Abbey	180	+20	...	1.4	29.2
25½	12	Albrighton•	18†	...	...	0.7	...
160	87	Allen•	153	-3	...	4.1	34.7
128	65	Amec	125	-1	3.0	3.0	23.1
12	4	Anglia Sec	9½	...	...	...	...
339	150	Ashtead•	339	+2	...	1.7	35.9
143	101	Attwoods	138	+1	...	4.5	...
360	180	BPB Ind	344	-5	...	2.8	41.2
96	57	Baggeridge Brk	93†	...	3.1	4.2	∞
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	31	+1	0.6	2.4	...
108	74	Barcon	82†	...	3.0	4.6	∞
50½	32½	Barton	49½	+1	2.0	5.1	24.4
226	94	Barratt Devs	226	+2	4.0	2.2	∞
494	305	Bellway	491	-1	12.0	3.1	∞
49	15	Bellwinch	40	+2	...	...	...
536	295½	Berkeley Gp	532†	...	...	1.5	28.7
118	45	Bett Bros	118	...	...	2.1	15.2
68	36	Blockleys	64	...	1.0	2.0	70.7
358	189	Blue Circle	341	+3	...	4.1	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	278	...	6.0	2.7	15.6
106	78	Breedon PLC	102	+3	4.6	5.6	25.1
133	82	Br Dredging	133	...	5.2	4.9	29.5
86	45	Brit Fittings	78	...	1.7	2.8	...
170	99	Bryant	169	...	...	3.6	34.1
136	53	CALA	136	...	...	2.1	...
372	200	CRH	370	-1	...	2.3	20.3
43	18	Cakebread Rby	35	...	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	32½	+1	...	...	...
173	86½	Countryside	170	-2	...	3.1	∞
102	38	Crest Nicholson	102	...	...	0.0	...
112	27	Cussins	105	...	...	1.2	...
25	15	Edmund Hldgs	20½	+1	0.3	1.8	...
295	178	Epwin	275	...	7.0	3.2	23.3
59	32	Erith	58	...	0.5	0.8	...
306	252	Eve Group•	300	...	...	2.0	16.5
157	97	Freeman Gp•	157	-15	...	4.0	25.0
50	38	Galliford	41	...	...	3.0	...
87	52	Gibbs & Dandy	87	...	...	2.9	...
923	695	Gleeson (MJ)	915	...	...	1.7	15.6
147	75	Hewden-Stuart	146‡	...	...	2.3	31.2
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	33.6
419	173	Heywd Wim	416	+1	13.0	3.9	...
132	37	Higgs & Hill	131	+2	2.5	2.4	...
38	26	How Gp	28	...	...	5.0	...
27	15	Howard Hldgs	20	...	0.5	2.3	...
86	39	Ibstock Johnsen	85	...	1.0	1.5	...
25	12½	Jarvis	16½	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	313	+6	9.0	3.6	12.5
127½	103	-do- 6¼% Cv Pf	124	+1½	...	6.5	...
125	55	Ln Clydeside•	124	...	...	4.5	46.7
21	10	Lovell (YJ)	12	...	...	...	5.4
398	240	Manders	396	...	9.3	2.9	24.3
192½	93	Marley	192	...	4.2	2.7	56.3
139	61	Marshalls	136†	...	...	3.7	...
229	122	Maunders (J)	228	+32	...	2.8	22.0
250	96	Mcalpine (A)	250	...	6.5	3.3	43.3
63	23	McCarthy & S	60½	+2½	0.5	1.0	...
549	272	Meyer Int	527	+5	...	2.4	52.8
137	62	Mowlem (J)	132	-1	4.0	3.8	...
184	81	MSM	178	+21	...	...	...
53	48	Needler•	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
175	106	Newman Tnks	174	+2	...	4.8	23.2
313	197	Persimmon	311	...	8.6	3.5	31.7
26	9	Phoenix Timber	9	...	...	...	...
1750	1237½	Pochins	1750	...	28.0	2.1	24.7
198	80	Prowting	190	-2	3.4	2.2	...
975	555	RMC Gp	957	+18	...	2.6	35.9
117	75½	Raine Ind	96	+1	...	3.9	22.7
36	18	Ransom•	25	...	...	...	...
603	402	Redland	590	-5	25.0	5.9	34.5
86	64	Roskel	74	-4	4.3	7.3	10.9
342	207	Rugby Group	328	-3	6.4	2.5	25.1
68	23	Syrid-Ewe•	58	...	...	0.5	...
163	68	Sharpe & Fisher	162	...	...	3.1	28.2
274	86½	Sheffield Insl	270	-5	...	2.3	66.3
255	82	Sandl Hldgs•	255†	...	...	1.6	∞
96	66	Shorco•	96	+2	...	6.8	21.8
240	19½	Smart (J)	228	...	...	4.7	17.2
6½	1½	Stanulin	2½	...	...	...	...
185	100	Tarmac	184	+3	5.5	3.7	...
206	131	Tay Homes	206	...	...	3.5	25.4
199	63	Taylor Woodrw	159	+7	1.8	0.8	...
633	433	Tilbury Dougls	633	...	33.0	6.5	20.6
43	19	Torez Htre•	42	...	...	1.2	...
315	166	Travis Perkins	305	-2	8.0	3.3	33.4
21	5½	Trencherwood	16	...	...	...	...
40	25	Try Group	30	+1	1.0	4.2	8.5
28	21	Tudor•	21	...	...	1.5	...
99	41	Vibroplant	95	+1	2.5	3.3	34.2
65	20	Ward Hldgs	52½	-1½	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	453	...	...	3.3	19.5
23	6½	Wescol•	23	...	...	...	...
200	90	Westbury	199	-1	5.0	3.1	31.1
4½	3	Wiggins	4½	+½	...	...	...
509	362	Wilson Bowdn	507	...	...	2.2	35.7
231	147	Wilson (C)	224	...	3.9	2.2	38.8
194	104	Wimpey G	184	+2	...	3.6	...
47	15	YRM	28	-2	0.5	2.2	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	623	...	...	...	...
283	198	Adam & Harvey	283	+30	13.0	5.7	5.2
92	56	Air London•	65	...	...	6.7	11.6
56	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
178	93	Auto Sec	157	...	...	5.6	24.6
140	84	BET Ord	140	+2½	...	2.0	5.6
118	41	BNB Res	118	+3	4.9	5.2	...
318	183	BPP	230	...	8.3	4.5	12.7
178	159	BSM	160	-3	...	4.5	14.0
285	195	Barbour Index	233	...	8.0	4.3	15.9
28	15	Bonstead	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
269	154	Brit Data Mgt	216	-1	4.7	2.7	15.7
26	11	Broadcastle•	23	...	...	1.4	18.3
73	48	Brooks Service	58	...	...	1.1	...
109	86	CRT Gp	102	+1	...	3.6	17.9
240	137½	Capita Group	223	-8	...	1.3	34.8
57	31	Cadiss Plc	51	-2½	...	2.2	19.6
56	18½	Chiltern Capital	22	...	...	...	...
73	26	Christie	65	...	...	...	...
384	228	Chubb Sec	366	+4	...	1.8	22.7
116	90	Comac•	105	-5	...	1.8	27.4
42	6½	Corp Services	41	...	...	...	...
91	20	Coms Caslig	86	...	...	...	...
165	50	Dart	162	-1	3.3	2.5	22.0
256	198	Davis Service	244	+5	...	4.1	18.4
124	85	EW Fact•	119	...	4.4	4.7	13.6
32	11	Gardiner	25	...	0.4	2.1	17.3
297	215	Hays	297	+8	...	2.2	25.0
286	17½	Hogg Robinsn	255	...	...	3.3	18.6
70	34	Holmes Protectn	36	-1	...	...	2.2
344	127	Hoch Whamp	315	-26	...	1.5	26.1
2175	975	ISS B DKr	2112½	+12½	...	1.0	14.6
637	475	Inchcape	551	-3	...	3.2	18.0
875	669	Johnson Clean	868	+1	25.7	3.7	18.9
12	2½	Lep	7	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mitie Gp	286	...	3.5	1.5	22.9
1187	893	Manpower	1179	+27	...	...	...
66½	40½	Michael Page	64½	...	1.8	3.4	28.2
279	115	Pennant	115	...	...	3.7	4.3
4½	2	Prime People•	3½	...	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot Alex	84	...	...	29.3	3.5
423	237	RCO	370	...	14.1	4.8	12.7
118	86	REA	103	...	2.0	2.4	...
111	43	Reed Executive	110	...	...	...	...
156	105	Reliance Sec•	105	...	...	5.4	22.5
249	178	Rentokil	239	+6	3.5	1.3	29.8
315	230	Rolfe & Nolan	305	+10	...	3.1	20.9
399	319	Salvesen (C)	339	+7	...	2.0	22.5
51	28	Scot Pickford•	49	-1	...	2.0	15.6
10	5	Select App•	9	...	...	...	...
1285	605	Serco Gp	1285	+2	13.2	1.3	35.5
152	83	Sherwd Cmp•	110	...	...	8.0	3.2
130	90	Sketchley	100	...	...	3.8	22.9
355	310	Warner Howrd	325	...	6.6	2.6	17.0
45	25	Welpac	27	...	...	...	...
28	14	Wills Gp	25½	+1	...	1.9	18.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
246	210	Allied Colloids	234	...	...	2.3	21.5
1041	643	Amersham	1013	-5	...	1.7	29.2
7	2½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
£116½	£325	BASF DM	£116¼	-221½	...	...	...
331	199	BTP	331	+6	...	3.6	26.6
£143½	£301½	Bayer DMSO	£139½	-309½	...	3.9	...
176	105	Blagden	169	+3	8.5	7.5	11.7
285	93	Brent Chems	126	...	...	7.3	11.5
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	353	...	...	...	...
39	5	Caird Gp	5½	...	...	22.2	16.0
180	26	Canning (W)	159	+1	7.2	5.7	18.2
250	217	Celltech	221	...	...	...	...
606	421	Courtaulds	580	+13	...	3.4	13.0
367	223	Croda	348	+11	...	2.9	19.9
140	103	DeeFlex	114	...	4.6	5.0	8.7
257	175	Ellis & Everard	237	+2	...	3.7	22.7
45	15½	Euro Colour	36	+½	0.8	3.1	17.2
349	259	Halstead (J)	349	...	...	2.3	17.3
241	150	Hickson	180	+1	...	5.6	16.7
£125½	£850	Hoechst	£117½	-337½	...	3.1	...
229	157	Holliday Chem	172	+14	...	2.7	15.8
864	608	ICI	777	...	...	4.4	...
781	576	Laporte	740	...	19.9	3.4	20.4
232	181	LPTA	197	-4	...	5.0	17.3
97½	35	MTM	48	-1	...	...	...
2400	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2400	+50	...	1.3	29.9
487	370	Paterson Zoch	465	...	...	3.4	15.7
422	359	-do- 'A'	421	...	...	3.7	14.2
290	183	Plysu	219†	+3	...	4.0	18.6
303	173	Porvair	220	+1	3.8	1.8	28.0
70	35	Satellite Speak	56	-2	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	449	+1	...	4.8	20.7
675	395	Wolstenholme R	375	...	12.0	3.7	19.7
425	330	Yorks Chem	405	-8	...	2.4	21.7
300	233	Yule Catto	289	+5	...	2.8	16.2
848	593	Zeneca	848	+16	...	4.1	50.1

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	65	...	...	5.8	...
219	173	Allders	218	...	...	1.5	10.3
87	42	Amber Day	65	...	1.3	2.6	∞
410	257	Argos Plc	374	-3	...	2.4	31.0
25	9½	Ashley Group	9½	-½	...	2.4	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	72	-7	0.1	0.2	...
330	278	Asprey	310	...	5.2	2.1	20.0
195	94	Austin Reed	191	-4	...	1.6	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	153	+2	...	5.0	15.4
134	94	Bentalls	132	...	1.9	1.8	...
278	125	Bezerwear	142	-2	...	1.0	17.0
47	22	Blacks Leis	37	...	2.2	7.6	...
229	133	Body Shop	221	-3	...	1.0	28.5
16½	9½	Brown & Jackson	11½	-½	...	0.9	6.1
434	318	Brown (N)	405	...	...	2.1	25.0
87½	60½	Burton	68½	-1½	...	3.7	...
195	126	Cannes	195	...	...	2.6	27.2
430	295	Church	428	...	12.6	3.7	31.1
183	97	Clinton Cards	160	+6	4.3	3.4	19.3
280½	212	Coats Viyella	263	+3	...	3.6	36.3
112	78	Colourvision•	103	...	5.6	6.8	18.5
181	154	C'ty Casuals	160	...	...	3.2	14.8
935	374	Courts Furnish	890	...	5.6	0.8	11.1
155	115	Crown Eyes•	155	...	...	6.0	10.6
137	89	Dairy Farm Intl	129	-6	...	2.8	18.9
99	51½	Dewhirst (I)	99	...	0.8	1.0	31.8
293	190	Dixons Grp	240	-40	...	3.5	...
31	8	ERA Gp	9	...	...	...	73.8
530	400	Etys (Wimbldn)	530	-1	16.0	3.8	18.2
244	71	Essex Furn	220	-1	...	2.0	35.2
273	203	Etam	246	+1	7.0	3.6	22.6
608	499	Fine Art Dev	520	+1	13.0	3.1	16.0
70	26	First Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
690	498	Forminster	688†	...	14.5	2.7	12.5
180	24	French Conne•	125	...	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	73	...	...	3.6	22.7
100	23	Goldsmiths Gp	91	...	0.3	0.4	...
659	534	GUS	628	-8	...	2.3	19.3
40	21	Hampden Grp•	21	...	...	6.0	10.4
272	30	Harrisone	53	-2	...	...	...
33½	20	Helene Plc	33	...	2.0	7.6	15.6
100	29	Heritage•	100	...	...	...	...
79	35	Honeysuckle•	79	+5	...	3.0	∞
189	63	Jacques Vert	189	+5	...	2.0	14.5
783	496	Kingfisher	747	+3	...	2.3	25.7
76	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	75	-15	4.0	6.7	15.5
695	485	Liberty	535	-1	7.2	1.7	63.0
280	241	Lloyds Chem	335	-8	...	2.6	12.5
168	120	MFI	162	-5	...	2.0	34.0
461½	311	Marks Spencer	448	+3	...	2.3	22.9
588	445	Menzies (John)	588	...	...	2.3	16.7
274	135	Moss Bros	272	+12	5.5	2.5	31.9
240	139½	Next	238	-1	3.5	1.8	28.4
41	15	Oliver (G)	30	...	...	...	...
325	197	Oriflame Intl	313	+1	...	4.0	15.1
63	24	Pentos	52½	+3½	0.8	3.1	6.8
313	185	QS Hldgs	225	...	5.2	2.9	16.0
69½	20½	Rhino Grp•	55	-2	...	...	...
190	120	Rossbys	189	...	...	3.2	22.7
181	135	Sherwood Gp	154	+3	...	2.1	13.9
131½	93	Sears	126½	...	...	3.5	...
41½	11	Signet Group	28	+½	...	...	...
527	400	Smith WH 'A'	512	-2	...	3.5	16.8
120	83	-do- B	118½	-1	...	3.0	19.4
20	4½	Specialeyes•	14	...	...	...	...
241	176	Storehouse	237†	+1	...	2.6	23.4
191	146	T & S Stores	149	+2	6.0	5.0	11.1
162	71	Tie Rack	159	...	1.0	0.8	26.0
244	160	Time Products	244	...	7.7	4.0	21.1
128	63	Usher (Frank)•	112	...	...	6.7	9.7
414	302	Vendome	414	+20	...	1.9	19.3
45	27	Vivat	37	...	1.0	3.4	11.5
48	34	Wensum•	44	...	...	5.3	...
120	76	Wickes	114	-½	...	0.2	51.9
78	45	Wid of Leather•	54	...	...	...	...
192½	142	Wyevale	186	+1	...	2.9	24.6
4	2½	Xtra-vision•	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	146	+2	...	4.3	14.7
275	223	Acal•	263	...	...	3.1	18.9
485	385	Admiral	485	...	5.7	1.5	20.5
170	104	Alba	163	...	...	3.7	18.4
50	19½	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	44	+1	0.5	1.4	∞
128	61	App Holo•	75	...	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	33	...	...	...	...
88	35½	Astec	80½	-½	...	0.4	...
266	230	Azlan	263	-2	...	2.4	31.3
269	224	Bailes Ebener	241	...	...	4.9	14.9
9	2	Bennett & Fount	2½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	437	+18	19.2	3.5	...
558	408	BSR	475	...	10.2	2.1	∞
1700	925	Borland•	1100	...	...	...	...
384	270	Bowthorpe	360	+1	...	2.4	23.9
480½	376	BT	466	+3	...	4.3	18.0
232½	150	BT P/P	210	+3	...	4.3	22.2
18½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18½	+3	...	0.1	0.7
160	48	Burnfield	65	...	5.2	11.1	10.3
545	334½	Cable Wireless	504	-18	...	1.9	26.3
27½	11½	Chloride	24½	...	...	...	...
273	239	CML Microsys•	271	+1	...	2.2	19.7
115	74	Cooper Peeple	108	...	...	...	...
166	108½	Cray Elect	165	+½	...	1.1	17.0
433	243	Crichley	439	+2	...	1.4	24.7
554	414	Delta	494	+2	...	3.5	20.6
458	205	Desmains El•	458	...	...	1.7	19.5
600	395	Domino	401	...	7.4	2.3	13.7
74	48	Dowding Mills	74	...	...	4.2	31.7
1233	865	Druck•	1233	+13	10.3	1.0	26.2
528	358	Electrocomponts	520	-2	...	2.8	21.2
770	470	El Data Prc	595	...	5.5	1.2	∞
153	43	Electron House	150	...	2.6	2.2	32.9
30½	10½	Ernest	21½	...	0.1	0.6	...
735	462	Eurotherm	735	+1	9.5	1.6	∞
196	108	FKI	196	+1½	...	2.1	28.7
587	340	Farnell Elect	587	+4½	...	2.3	30.0
91	33	Feedback•	72	...	...	3.4	9.9
18	1	Ferranti	7	...	...	...	...
305	107	First Tech	304	...	...	0.8	25.2
270	81	Forward Gp•	231	...	...	2.2	16.3
22½	13½	Forward Tech	19½	...	...	...	...
397½	264	GEC	318½	-8	10.4	4.1	15.9
199	112	Gravetey	162	...	...	8.4	34.1
14	7	Gresham	11½	...	...	...	...
52	35	Hiclare	39	...	...	1.6	...
169	83	INSTEM•	135	...	...	2.9	9.7
198	118	Ind Control	149	...	...	3.7	15.0
388	320	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	15.6
105	26	Kalamazoo	100	+1	2.7	3.4	23.2
19	8	Kembrey	12½	...	0.1	1.6	...
370	260	Kenwood App	369	...	...	2.7	28.5
265	47	Keuff Syst	222	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	156	...	6.0	4.7	19.7
60	16	Laser-Scan•	19	...	...	...	...
165	122	Linx•	145	...	...	0.6	20.4
300	205	Lec Refrig	258	...	9.0	4.4	...
179	129	Life Sciences	164	+8	3.7	2.9	17.8
285	164	Logica	277	+4	...	1.6	31.9
55	44	LPA Inds	51	...	...	8.5	14.7
229	162	MR Data Magnt	209	+1	...	3.1	19.6
715	523	Macro 4	583	+8	...	3.2	21.1
246	175½	Memoryfree	245	...	...	1.9	21.8
3013	903	Micro Focus	1040	+25	...	...	9.6
227	144	Microgen	148	...	7.2	6.1	10.1
39½	23½	Microvitec•	33½	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	500	+2	...	1.8	18.3
75	58	Mitel	43	...	...	...	...
158	108	MMT Compu	145	+2	...	2.4	19.7
32	16	Molynx	30½	...	1.3	4.5	...
272	202	MTL Instr•	269	+4	...	1.8	19.6
165	109	Mellore Elec	141	...	3.5	3.1	23.6
259	116	Murray Enter	267†	-1	...	1.9	∞
2900	2612½	NYNEX	2850	-50	...	...	...
188	127	Neotronics	127	...	2.6	2.6	16.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	53	-1	...	...	...
295	98	Norbain•	284	...	...	0.7	21.8
75	20	Northumber	47	...	0.6	1.6	...
15½	5	Oceonics	7½	-½	...	...	...
333	195	Oxford Inst	333	+5	4.6	1.7	22.8
81	48	P-E Internl	78	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	68	...	...	2.9	34.5
95½	55	Peek	92	-2½	1.4	4.6	34.0
227	115	Pegasus•	214	...	...	3.7	54.9
9750	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9750	...	...	5.9	...
1462½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1462½	...	...	...	...
400	211	Phonelink•	398	-1	...	...	...
330	171½	Pifco	328	...	...	1.6	26.8
310	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	310	...	...	1.7	26.0
96	63	Plasmec•	72	...	...	5.2	6.1
130	76	Pressac	105	...	...	3.1	22.3
193	81	Psion•	193	+8	...	1.6	51.3
281	147	Racal Elect	189	+2	4.2	2.8	11.2
70	33	Radamec	40	+6	...	4.7	8.6
70	24	Radius•	34	+3	2.2	8.3	11.7
92	61	Real Time•	73	...	...	5.1	15.0
35	15	Riva•	18	...	...	...	22.8
529	367	Sage Gp	513	+2	9.9	2.4	∞
348	222	Sanderson Elec	325‡	...	9.9	3.8	13.9
88	49	Scantronic	79	+1	3.1	5.0	21.6
205	117	Scholes Grp	202	-3	...	3.1	26.2
375	270	Sema Gp	324	+3	2.9	1.1	26.5
42	26	Silvermines	42	...	...	3.0	...
71	37	Soundtracks•	71	...	...	4.0	24.0
2675	1737½	TDK	2550	-25	...	1.3	26.6
27	4½	TDS Circuits•	31	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	152	...	0.8	0.7	25.0
1048	809	THORN EMI	1044†	+33	...	3.8	24.2
152	96	Thorpe FW	135	...	...	2.5	15.7
103	23	Total Systems•	24	...	1.5	7.8	4.3
573	372	Tunstall	565†	-8	7.0	1.5	∞
295	164	Unitech	256	...	...	3.0	60.6
15	6	Verity	12	...	...	...	...
35	22	Vistec•	24½	-½	...	...	...
612	367	Vodafone	599½	+2½	...	1.6	26.1
473	348	Volex	455	+6	18.1	5.0	18.7
36	11	Western Selectn	20	...	0.2	1.6	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	282	+9	11.7	5.2	30.0

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
676	389	East Midlands	632	-1	...	4.1	11.1
704	399	Eastern Elect	648	-8	...	4.0	12.2
480½	304	Hydro-Elect	451	+½	...	3.3	15.7
677	404	London Elect	628†	-6	...	4.2	11.8
772	458	Manweb	741	-2	...	3.7	9.2
731	434½	Midlands Elec	690	-4	...	3.9	10.8
510	273	National Power	469	+3½	...	2.9	11.6
741	440	Northern Elec	696	-3	...	4.1	9.0
283	100	Nthn Ireland	263	+6	...	3.3	12.7
768	459	Norweb	723	-8	20.6	3.6	10.3
572	273	PowerGen	539	+3½	...	2.6	14.1
497	285	Scottish Power	464	+2½	...	3.1	17.1
754	436	Seeboard	728	-1	...	3.6	9.4
770	469	Sth Wales	745	-5	...	3.9	11.5
706	453	Sth Western	683	...	...	3.0	10.0
724	406	Southern Elec	663†	-12	...	3.9	9.8
692	455	Yorkshire Elec	664	+1	...	4.1	12.4

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	53	...	1.0	2.4	11.2
133	47	BWD•	132	...	...	3.2	20.6
101	26	Baltic Plc	99	...	...	1.3	...
629	413	Caledonia	625	...	...	3.1	29.2
1900	1075	Cazenove	1900	...	...	3.0	7.1
353	243	Candover	348	-2	10.4	3.8	34.6
385	71	Flextech•	379#	...	...	0.2	...
398	155	Gowen	396	+12	...	4.1	11.6
196	125	Ivory Sime	195†	...	...	4.5	36.8
8½	3	LIT	8½	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaiting•	236	+1	8.7	4.6	17.2
79	47	Manakin	70½†	...	...	...	...
17½	3½	Nat Home Loans	9½	+½	...	...	...
53	40	Newmarket	53	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Bts	316	...	8.5	3.6	19.2
26	17	Rutland Tst	22	+½	...	4.5	13.1
340	253	S & U	316	-2	10.2	4.0	11.7
87	48	Singer & Fried	87	+2	...	4.3	...
1138	713	Sotheby's	1138	+10	...	3.0	...
138	113	STP Capital	138	-1	3.0	2.7	55.9
206	183	Towry Law	204	...	...	2.8	20.0

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2559½	1487½	Amer Express	2012½†	-12½	...	...	...
1133	835	Henderson Ad	1023	-2	...	5.1	23.6
208	92	Invesco	205	-1	...	1.8	...
337	164	Jardine Strat	280	-25	...	2.7	12.1
270	154	MAI	279	+3	...	3.1	17.7
728	389	MAM	715	-4	16.0	2.8	17.9
1032	633	M & G	1027†	+3	25.0	3.0	∞
433	309	Smith New Ct	417	-1	...	2.1	4.1
81	45	Trio Hldgs	58	-1	2.5	5.5	∞

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
572	456	AB Food	572	+3	...	3.3	11.7
77½	49½	ASDA Group	62	+2	1.6	3.4	...
345	120	Acatos & Hutch	340	+1	8.0	3.0	∞
80	55	Albert Fisher	71	+3	3.7	6.6	∞
407	246	Argyll	299	+15	...	4.7	10.8
258	160	Banks (S C)	258	+10	9.5	4.7	13.3
402	305	Barr (AG)	309	...	6.5	2.6	15.6
85	56	Bensons Crsp•	66	...	...	5.4	14.8
141	100	Berisford Ind	127	...	...	...	...
435	357	Booker	434	-11	...	6.3	37.6
52	35	Borthwick	49½	...	...	3.0	61.5
505	430	Brake Bros	466	...	6.3	1.7	19.5
51	38	Budgen	40	...	...	3.1	12.1
574	407	Cadbury-Schw	534	+16	...	3.2	18.9
151	78	Carrs Milling	153†	+3	...	3.5	11.2
196	133	Clarewick	164†	...	...	6.1	15.5
23	8½	Cullens	15½	-½	...	4.0	44.5
384	119	Dalepak	126	+5	6.0	6.0	9.9
521	424	Dalgety	510	+18	...	3.0	14.6
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
259	191	Devro	259	+5	...	2.7	24.6
134	90	Everest	101	...	...	4.6	18.3
389	269	Fairpak	389	+6	5.7	1.8	23.9
10	3	Farringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	73	...	...	7.1	24.2
125	78	Fyffes	106	+3	...	1.5	18.9
403	305	Geest	355	+5	8.1	2.9	16.0
16	7	Global•	14	...	...	4.5	21.8
50	43	Grand Central	50	...	0.3	2.0	...
203	139	Hazlewood Fds	163	+8	...	5.0	9.2
178	131	Hillsdown	178	+11	8.8	6.2	14.0
250	146	Iceland Group	184	+10	...	2.4	17.6
131	92	IIF Group	103†	-3	...	5.7	11.4
853	542	Kwik Save	617	+11	...	3.7	11.1
202	144	Low (Wm)	179	+10	...	5.9	6.5
89	41	Matthews (B)	89	+1½	2.3	3.3	58.3
19½	11	Merchant Retail	13	...	0.9	9.3	28.2
174	84	Morrison (W)	118	+4	...	0.9	15.3
233	177	Nichols (JN)	226	-2	5.5	3.1	16.4
291	207½	Nthn Foods	251	+11	...	4.2	12.3
20½	8	Nthmbrn Fn•	9	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	185	+4	...	4.3	10.3
286	205	Park Foods	286	+5	...	2.6	22.0
115	58	Perkins Food	67	-1	...	8.3	7.7
115	47	PizzaExpress	115	...	...	0.5	34.3
9	1½	Regina Hldgs•	5	...	...	...	...
584	360	Sainsbury J	461	+13	...	2.8	16.2
86	33	Sentry Farms•	73	...	...	2.6	13.1
225	90	Sims Food	100	+6	...	8.1	19.3
489	355½	Tate & Lyle	428	+9	...	3.8	11.4
273	176	Tesco	231½	+9½	...	3.9	10.5
211	123	Thorntons	167	+1	...	2.7	...
183	101	Treats•	167	...	...	2.8	19.1
410	300	Unigate	392	+10	...	5.2	12.9
437	326	Utd Biscuits	372	+13	...	5.1	23.0
24½	18½	Usborne	21	...	...	3.2	15.5
337	248	Watson & Phil	307	+16	13.2	5.4	16.0
59	30½	West Trust	34	...	...	9.9	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Aldi Str H•	26	...	...	...	...
93½	77	City Centre Rest	91	...	1.5	2.2	22.0
269	170	Forte	264	+4	...	3.6	20.7
215	148	Friendly Hotels	175	...	...	4.1	34.1
11½	5	Harmony Props•	9½	...	...	...	...
168	87	Jurys Hotel	168	...	...	3.8	13.6
222½	142	Ladbroke	180	+3	11.1	7.7	15.4
98	59	Mandarin Orntl	92	-5	...	3.6	22.8
2½	¼	Regal Hotels•	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45#	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18½	...	...	6.8	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	800	...	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	63	...	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	38	+2	...	28.9	2.3
616	455	AAH	492	+2	...	4.4	16.4
185	123	AIM	142	-2	7.5	6.6	8.6
132	88	APV	126	+1	...	5.4	...
238	81	ASW	165	+4	...	4.5	...
185½	108	Advest	184	+1	...	4.9	12.7
29	10	Aerospace Eng	20½	...	...	4.6	27.0
288	249	Airsprung	288	...	...	2.0	18.4
195	113	Alexndra W	195	+1	4.1	2.6	30.8
13½	6½	Allied Radio	7½	...	...	...	...
292½	207½	Alumasc	288	+5	...	3.5	17.0
48	17	Alvis	40†	+1	1.0	3.1	∞
725	345	Amber Ind	725	...	...	3.3	16.6
56	45	Amberley Gp•	50	...	...	2.5	...
107	75	Anagen	80	...	...	...	...
145	65	Andrews Sykes	68	...	...	5.5	...
1130	703	Antofagasta	1130	+35	...	1.8	20.9
54½	37	Armour	52	...	...	3.9	12.3
170	143	Ash & Lacy	168	...	6.4	4.8	17.2
4	2½	Ash Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.8	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	483	+7	...	4.2	∞
289	168	Assoc Nursg•	288†	...	...	0.5	16.4
687½	488	Atlas Equip	493	...	...	5.6	12.4
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	66	...	...	...	...
199	147	BBA	199	+2½	...	4.7	16.9
115	28	BLP Group•	115	...	...	...	...
27	13	BM Gp	26½	...	0.5	3.0	...
770	590	BOC	651	+4	...	4.5	15.4
93	50	BSG	65½	+1½	...	6.1	22.8
649	353	BSS Group	543	+1	...	4.0	30.3
409½	318	BTR	349	-1½	...	4.0	19.5
221	147	BWI	155	+5	...	5.4	14.4
58	25½	Babcock	33½	+1	...	4.1	20.1
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
289	228	Baird (Wm)	244	+5	8.9	4.6	16.9
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	868½	+18½	...	4.0	∞
66	48	Baynes (Charles)	65	...	...	2.8	26.6
28½	14	Bearing Power	22‡	...	0.7	4.3	∞
15	4	Beaufort	3	-½	...	...	...
10	2	Beckenham•	2#	-½	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)•	29	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	19½	...	...	2.4	11.7
307	285	Bespak	330†	...	10.2	3.9	10.3
133	55	Bibby (J)	66	...	2.0	3.8	∞
312	129	Billam (J)	200	...	5.3	3.3	10.1
41	21½	Bilston Bttrsea•	30	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	3½	...	...	...	...
245	118½	Birkby	245#	...	3.7	1.9	12.8
45	29	Black Arrow	30	...	2.1	8.8	9.4
1½	¼	Black & Edgtn•	1½	...	...	...	...
259	136	Black (Peter)	257	...	3.7	1.8	22.6
590	129	Bluebird Toys•	553	+3	...	1.0	16.9
322	230	Bodycote	274	+5	...	2.3	17.5
40	23	Bogod 'A'	33†	...	0.7	2.7	12.3
609	436	Boots	582	-5	...	2.9	23.0
63	39	Booth Inds	60	+6	...	...	...
523	402	Bowater	458	+4	...	3.3	19.1
1682	1189	Bowater Inc	1601	+4	...	...	...
274	199	Boxmore Intl•	260	...	...	1.8	19.5
19	12½	Brasway	15½†	...	...	4.1	...
303	204	Brammer	294	...	13.0	5.5	21.9
27	12	Bridgend Gp	25	...	0.4	...	...
125	64	Bridon	121	...	...	4.1	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	87	...	...	3.9	...
53½	31	Brierley Inv	51	-2	...	6.6	12.6
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	190	...	8.0	5.3	∞
119	42	Br Bloodstock•	112	...	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	448	-1	...	2.9	16.1
135½	54	Br Steel	126½	+2½	...	1.5	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
195	115	Br Thornton	173†	...	...	3.6	17.9
268	215	Br Vita	261	+2	7.3	3.5	16.1
15½	5½	Britton Grp	15½	...	...	1.5	...
840	555	Broken Hill	840	+19	...	2.2	38.0
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	94	...	...	5.9	12.2
11½	6½	Brooke Tool	11½	-½	...	...	...
73	36	Brown & Tawse	52	...	...	...	...
161	91	Bullough	161	+2	6.0	4.7	22.6
24	11½	Business Tech•	14	...	...	...	...
28	12	CI Group	15	...	0.5	4.8	14.4
42	11	Campbell & Arm	40	...	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	30	-1	...	...	...
280	205	Cape	256	...	...	5.1	17.3
426	254	Caradon	426	+8	...	2.6	34.4
207½	128	-do- pf	207½	+5	7.2	4.4	...
275	178	Carclo Eng	275	...	8.6	3.9	19.6
2898	2025	Carnaud Mtl	2213	-37	...	2.8	∞
82	68	Cassidy Bros•	82	...	...	3.7	13.3
233	158	Castings	232	-1	4.6	2.5	16.4
71	53	Cathay Ind	65	...	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	175	...	5.5	4.6	10.9
753	605	Charter	743	+5	...	3.7	11.4
345	220	Chemring	309†	...	9.0	3.7	∞
92	45	Chieftain Gp•	46	...	4.5	12.2	9.9
49½	15½	Chillington	40	...	1.0	3.2	...
232	144	Christies Int	232	+4	...	0.8	57.6
68	34	Clayhithe	68	...	...	4.0	...
95	55	Clayton Son	55	...	...	...	...
415	295	Cohen (A)	415	...	3.4	1.0	...
243	179	Community H	243	+1	...	3.5	16.6
245	186½	Concentric	225	...	5.8	3.3	∞
289	120	Cook (Wm)	289	+6	6.0	2.6	17.5
243	182	Cookson	243	+2	...	3.1	32.2
91	38	Copymore•	91	...	...	1.4	27.8
238	130	Crwell Pkr 'A'	151	+1	...	4.7	20.4
178	92	Cosalt	111	+2	5.3	6.1	∞
250	150	Creighton Nts•	250	...	...	3.7	17.9
48	22	CrestaCare	38½	-½	0.6	2.1	33.3
4002½	2993½	Dana	3962½	-12½	...	...	...
337	78½	Danka Bs Sys	335	+12	...	0.6	31.8
254	193	David Brown	253	+3	...	3.0	17.9
22	5	Davies (DY)•	18	...	...	...	...
877	632	De La Rue	877	+9	...	2.7	21.1
38	16	Dinkie Heel	38	...	1.1	3.6	30.3
574	391	Diploma	552	...	12.0	2.7	∞
92	50	Dobson Park	91	...	3.7	5.2	∞
119	92	Dyson (J&J)	114	...	5.0	5.5	21.0
83	57	-do- 'A'	81	...	5.0	7.1	14.9
19½	8	EFG	14	...	...	...	...
440	358	EIS	408	-5	...	3.7	16.2
28	19	Elbief	22	...	...	...	...
50	19	Eleco	48	...	...	...	0.00
2537½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2490	-12½	...	2.1	...
73	43	Ellion (B)	70	...	...	...	...
489	394	Eng China Cl	481	+9	...	5.2	26.0
140	111	Environmed	135	...	...	...	∞
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2750	-21½	...	1.1	...
86	32	Eurocopy	85	...	1.7	2.5	∞
87	47	Expamet	60	...	...	5.0	1.4
717	499	Fairey Group	688	+13	19.7	1.9	22.2
121	47	Fenner	111	...	...	...	...
85	32	Ferraris Group	84	+1	2.0	3.0	∞
29	13	Ferrum	11	...	1.4	13.5	9.1
66	26	Fife Indmar	60	+2	...	5.7	...
251	102	Fisons	146	+7	...	7.4	13.5
58	29	Fitzwilton	58	+1	...	2.6	...
288	215	Flogas	288	...	...	3.8	12.0
43	33	Folkes Group nv	41	+2	1.5	4.6	21.5
98	56	French (Thomas)	98	-2	3.6	4.6	49.1
282	162	Frost Group	262	...	...	2.1	33.9
88	70	GEI Int	77	...	...	4.0	...
560½	434	GKN	560½	+17½	...	4.6	37.4
51	42	GR Hldgs	51	...	...	4.4	...
101	79	Garton Eng	94	...	4.1	5.5	...
161	103	Gestetner	147	+7	8.2	7.0	6.4
68	23	Gleves	66	+6	...	...	47.2
801	509	Glaxo	679	-14	...	4.1	17.8
38½	16	Glenchewton	37	...	...	...	...
374	245	Glynwed	365	+4½	11.6	4.0	34.4
138	66	Goode Durrant	138	+3	...	4.9	...
185	102	Grampian Hld	184	-1	5.5	3.7	22.6
553	341	Granada	553†	+14	...	2.6	22.9
455	301	Great Strms•	452	...	...	3.2	16.6
117	73	Green (Ernest)•	81	...	...	10.8	12.3
15½	8½	Greenacre•	14½	...	...	2.0	14.3
17	5	Guardian Grp•	6#	...	...	...	...
89	30½	Haden MacLn	69	...	...	3.6	24.9
102	44	Halstead Inds•	98	...	...	1.3	...
290	115	Hall Eng	277	...	8.6	3.9	23.1
335	161	Halma	222†	-1	...	1.2	28.4
56	30	Hampson Ind	56	+5	1.6	3.6	18.5
266½	223	Hanson	268	+1½	...	5.3	20.0
221	146	Harris (Philip)	148	...	...	5.8	9.0
205	147	Harrisn Crsfld	189	+2	9.0	6.0	27.3
158	38	Havelock Euro	157	+14	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
40	17	Headway	40	...	...	2.2	...
13½	1½	Healthcare	1½#	...	...	...	0.5
465	301	Hepworth	465	+18	14.8	4.0	20.0
228	160	Hewitt (J)	203	...	3.2	2.0	15.9
57½	15	High-Point	55	...	0.5	1.1	...
181	112½	Hill & Smith	181	+2	...	3.9	25.2
19½	6½	Hobson•	17	...	...	...	...
176	87	Holders Tech•	172	...	...	4.4	22.4
52	30	Hopkinsons	48	...	0.9	2.3	26.3
188	133	Hornby•	183	+7	...	6.1	17.3
88	54½	Howden	82	...	2.2	3.4	15.2
260	173	Hunting	228	+8	...	5.5	19.2
513	269½	Huntleigh Tech•	510	-3	...	2.5	13.0
340	247	IMI	340	+2	...	3.7	30.2
128	90	ISA Intl	128	+1	1.5	1.5	19.9
205	132	Intercare Gp•	151†	...	...	2.9	∞
286	235	Isotron	285	...	4.3	1.9	16.5
787	360	Jardine Math	633	-61	...	2.0	22.9
555	425	Johnson Math	555	+7	...	2.4	21.7
64	35½	Johnson & FB	37½	...	...	4.5	35.7
177	101	Johnston	160	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	27	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	30	...	0.7	3.1	...
178	73	Kalon	155½	+6½	...	2.8	21.6
297	195	Kelsey Ind	230†	...	8.0	4.3	∞
745	465	Kershaw (A)	740	...	27.0	4.6	38.4
276	75	Kleeneze	269†	...	1.0	0.5	∞
164	61	LGW•	161	...	3.4	2.7	13.3
367	266	Laird	367	+11	...	3.6	18.1
157½	103	Lilleshall	145	...	...	3.8	19.1
223	97	Lincat•	205	...	...	3.7	14.4
33½	4½	Lincoln Hse•	30½	...	...	...	25.1
128	76	Linread	111	+11	3.8	4.3	17.2
340	170	Linton Park	338	...	...	5.2	12.2
15½	9½	Llorsheart	11½	-½	0.2	2.1	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	17	...	0.8	6.3	24.7
274	97	Lon Intl	156	+9	6.2	5.0	...
145½	70	Lonrho	145½	+5	4.0	3.4	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	367	...	...	3.2	51.4
47	14½	ML Hldgs	47	...	...	...	...
56	27	MS Intl	55†	...	...	5.7	56.7
59	39	MY Holdings	50†	...	...	3.1	13.2
231	168	Macfarlane	231	+1	...	1.8	26.2
460	379	McKechnie	454	-6	14.7	4.1	∞
136	85	McLeod Russel	126	...	...	6.1	18.6
106	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
132	71	Mang Bronze	130	...	2.5	2.4	∞
26½	19½	Marling	21	...	...	5.1	...
228	134	Mayborn•	228	+3	...	2.9	17.5
62	29	Mayflower	50	...	...	1.1	44.2
236	85	Meliora	140	...	...	2.1	11.4
118	88	Meggitt	106	+8½	...	4.5	18.0
125	98	Metalr	117	...	...	4.0	19.1
154	112	Metrotect	118	+3	...	3.4	16.4
101	70	Mesecs	101	...	...	...	...
98	29	Midsummer	98	...	...	1.0	13.6
4½	¼	Middlesex•	4½	+½	...	...	...
575	368	Molins	570	...	...	3.2	13.7
379	262	Morgan Cble	379	+5	...	4.2	19.9
184	134	Morris Ashby•	176	...	...	4.1	13.2
38	18	Neepsend	36	...	1.0	3.5	48.3
73	34	Nestor-BNA	65	...	3.1	6.1	15.5
217	122	Nobo Gp	217	+3	4.8	2.8	21.4
195	122½	Norcros	185‡	-2	...	4.7	27.0
51	33	Novo Group	35†	...	...	3.9	11.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	399	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	58	...	...	...	...
63½	21	OMI Intl	62†	-1½	...	3.5	...
165	123	PCT•	160	...	...	5.7	18.2
91	76	Pacer Systems•	80	...	...	5.0	...
138	87½	Pentland	107	+2	...	3.1	14.5
395	285	Photo-Me	290	...	4.6	2.0	18.8
186	97½	Pilkington	178	-1	...	1.8	...
93	68	Plateswood	93	...	3.1	4.2	14.7
154	125	Polypipe	148	+2	2.1	1.8	20.0
42	15	Porter Chadbrn	20	+1	...	2.5	9.2
14½	5½	Perth Gp•	12½	...	...	...	...
376	272	Powerscreen	322	+3	...	2.6	16.7
21½	16½	Prospect Inds	19	...	0.8	5.4	∞
65	53½	RPS Group•	56	...	2.3	5.1	12.4
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ramco Oil•	156	+1	...	0.8	52.2
1031	636	Rank Org	1031	+17	31.0	3.8	28.2
33	13	Ransomes	14	...	...	...	...
725	532	Reckitt Colm	706	+5	...	3.0	16.3
77	50	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	4½	+1	...	...	...
277	131	Relyon	270	...	5.0	2.3	32.4
305	208	Renishaw	302	+2	...	2.7	35.9
133	55	Renold	133	+1	...	1.6	...
1885	1240	Reuters	1823	+38	22.1	1.5	30.1
83	24½	Rexmore	78	...	2.0	3.3	...
196	91	Ricardo Group	190	-3	...	3.8	26.9
76	55	Richard (Leics)	71	...	3.7	6.6	...
98	63	Richardson West	88	...	3.0	4.3	22.5
142	109	Ropner	132	+2	8.2	7.8	18.7
136	97	-do- 'A'	128	+2	8.2	8.1	18.1
38	14	Ross Gp	16½	+1	0.6	4.9	6.7
184	131½	Rotork	174	...	...	2.7	20.4
167	89	Rubicon	167	...	...	3.3	23.4
66	43	Russell (A)	62	...	...	1.0	...
38	15	SEP Ind	38	...	0.8	2.7	∞
1112½	625	SKF 'B'	1087½	-12½	...	...	...
248	205	Scapa	235	+1	...	3.0	17.5
238	179	Scholl	180	...	...	4.4	13.1
329	277	Scoria	286	+1	...	...	...
1163	917	Securicor	1163	+10	2.6	0.3	44.3
894	562	-do- 'A'	886	+14	2.6	0.4	33.8
770	485	Security Serv	749	+13	5.1	0.9	37.1
139½	77	Senior Eng	136½	+2½	...	2.9	22.8
361	228	Seton Health	328	...	...	2.3	19.4
43	31	Sheldon Jones	33†	...	...	...	...
166	88	Shiloh	140	...	3.0	2.7	15.1
344	271	Sidlaw	320	-2	...	4.1	15.9
587	427	Siebe	561	-11	...	2.3	19.7
383	220	Silentnight	360	...	...	2.8	19.5
181	102	Sime Darby	168	...	...	1.2	∞
142	32	Simon Eng	135	-4	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	187	...	...	4.7	14.6
47	35	Six Hundred	36	...	...	5.2	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	152½	-4½	...	3.9	10.9
513	373	SmithKline	394	+3	9.6	3.1	14.2
450	340	SmithKline Uts	361	+7	...	3.3	12.2
465	320	Smiths Ind	459½	-1½	...	2.3	18.4
140	58	Solm Bus	75	...	1.5	5.8	7.1
470	265	Spandex•	470	+3	...	1.8	20.0
660	300	Spear (JW)	510	...	4.5	1.1	9.5
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	362	+14	...	3.2	22.7
145	44	Spring Ram	55½	...	...	0.5	...
270	201	Staveley	213	+4	...	5.0	12.0
204	126	Sterling Ind	204†	...	...	3.6	31.3
187	97	Suter	187	...	9.0	6.0	19.6
611	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	553	-34	...	1.6	∞
7	1	Sycamore	2½	...	...	...	...
78	55	Sykes-Pick	53	...	...	7.3	10.1
171	120	Syltone	171†	...	...	3.5	24.7
431	279	TI	431	+20	...	3.1	29.4
34	12	TLS Range•	33	-1	...	0.9	...
340	221	TT Group	335	-2	...	2.5	20.6
272	201	Talbex	271	...	...	0.8	23.6
868	618	Takeda Chem	673	+15	...	0.9	12.8
68	24	Tex Hldgs	60	-1	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)•	98†	...	...	7.2	16.9
240	150	Tyzack•	219	...	...	2.4	∞
271	212½	Tomkins	254	-11	...	3.1	18.7
112	67	Trafalgar H	108†	-2	...	3.8	...
116	61	TransferTech	68	...	3.2	5.9	8.6
190	120	Triplex Lloyd	142†	+1	...	6.2	17.1
111	48	Ugland	98	...	...	...	...
281	214	UniChem	279	...	6.4	2.9	18.3
375	275½	Unitare	365	...	...	3.5	∞
7½	1½	Unigroup	3½	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1205	+11	22.2	2.3	16.4
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7837½	...	...	2.7	12.9
24½	9	Utd Inds	17½	+½	...	...	...
928	513	VSEL	928	+33	...	4.1	10.0
10½	6½	Verson	10½	...	...	...	...
180	95	Vickers	180	+2	...	1.6	...
367	243	Victaulic	283	+9	...	3.4	14.0
469	283	Vinten	467	...	...	1.9	21.7
694	427	Vosper Thorny	690	+1	...	3.0	15.8
48	33	WSP Hldgs	40	+2	...	8.4	10.4
408	368	Wagon Ind	455†	+1	...	4.8	20.1
8½	1½	Waterbourne	3½	+½	...	...	19.1
106	71	Walker Greenbk	105	...	3.1	3.7	26.8
264	201	Wassall	264	+7	2.7	1.3	26.6
47	31	Wrtrford Wdgwd	47	...	...	...	...
384	252	Weir	319	...	...	2.4	18.0
991	600	Wellcome	682	+17	...	3.2	14.5
23½	15	Wellman	22½	...	0.9	5.0	36.7
358	260	West Hlthcare	358	+16	...	1.3	23.0
510	455	Wiseman	480	+25	9.7	2.5	16.3
351	211	Whessoe	248†	+9	8.2	4.1	∞
95	22	Whitecroft	93½	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	125	+4	3.5	...	36.6
393	295½	Williams Hldg	391	...	12.5	4.0	20.5
46½	17	Wilshaw	40½	...	...	1.7	25.5
875	533	Wolseley	840	+8	...	2.0	25.1
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
46	35	Wyko	42	...	...	3.0	...
73	38	Young (H)	70	-1	3.3	5.9	∞

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1995½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1362½	+12½	...	4.9	...
2400½	1787½	Am Gen	1925	+12½	...	3.8	...
75	30	Archer (AJ)	75	+2	1.0	1.7	...
154	118	Bradstock	154	+3	5.5	4.6	∞
498	359½	Britannic	450	+11	...	3.2	...
667	556	Com Union	661	+14	...	4.6	...
1750	1225	Dom & Gen	1748	...	...	1.6	23.1
50	18	FAI	50	...	...	...	...
743	546	Gen Accident	740	-18	26.7	4.5	...
236	160	GRE	235	+7	7.1	3.8	19.5
423	293	Heath C E	421	+8	...	4.8	...
228	148	Hogg Gp	160	+6	8.1	6.4	14.5
297	255	Independent Ins	297	+5	...	3.5	27.3
215	162	JIB Group	182	+2	...	5.2	18.7
546	409½	Legal & Gen	532	+21	...	4.6	32.3
1271	768	Liberty Life	1238	+9	...	2.5	19.7
121	99	LIMIT	118	...	...	...	...
468	403	Lloyds Abbey	444	-14	17.3	4.9	16.0
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	283	+10	6.7	3.0	17.6
395	274	Londn & Man	388	+8	14.7	4.7	28.6
463	321	Lowndes Lmb	443	+7	14.0	4.0	15.9
6743½	5256½	Marsh McLn	5418½	-68½	...	3.3	...
130	76	Oriel	112	...	...	5.6	...
79	50½	PWS	78	...	4.0	6.4	11.3
376	282½	Prudential	372	+12	...	4.1	24.7
379½	266½	Refuge	331	+9	...	4.1	9.2
347	248	Royal	337	+3	...	2.4	...
304	150	Sedgwick	194	+6	...	3.9	23.9
261	100	Steel Burrill	127	+6	...	11.8	7.5
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	70	+2	3.0	5.5	∞
417	307	Sun Alliance	411	-19	14.2	4.3	...
88	50	Trade Indemnity	85	...	...	...	...
379	239	Transatlantic	379	+21	12.0	4.0	35.2
773	499	Utd Friendly	593	+5	15.1	3.2	25.8
243	171	Willis Corroon	240	-11	...	3.4	51.6
	13½	Windsor	23	...	...	...	18.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1967	1548	Alliance	1952	-1	45.5	2.9	42.7
287	226½	Amer Trust	277	-2	5.2	2.3	57.5
448	304	Ang & O'seas	445	...	6.8	1.9	56.5
161	124	BZW Conv	160½	-½	7.6	6.1	18.8
205	133½	Bankers	204	+1	3.6	2.3	∞
386	264	Baring Tribne	368	+2	6.4	2.2	58.2
203	131	Berry Starq	201	...	2.2	1.4	65.4
117	96½	Br Assets	113	-1	...	4.7	26.9
92½	57½	Br Empire Sec	91½	...	...	1.3	78.0
36	14	-do- Wnts	34	...	...	...	...
220	156	Br Inv	219	...	4.6	2.6	49.4
262	174	Brunner	261	...	5.2	2.5	∞
220	130	Cont Asset	220	...	2.4	1.4	73.2
195	143	Derby Inc	156	+1	...	11.4	9.4
320	195	-do- Cap	313	-5	...	...	...
97	62	Drayton Blue	96	...	8.4	10.9	10.7
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	85	-1	1.0	1.5	...
150½	84	-do- Far East	146	-4½	0.6	0.5	...
161	95	-do- Korea	161	+4½	0.5	0.4	...
772	576	Dunedin Inc G	764	-4	...	4.2	35.2
100	76	-do- Japan	88	+1	...	...	...
55	34	-do- Warrants	49	+2	...	...	...
775	513	-do- Wwde	775	...	...	1.5	...
306	222	Dundee & Lon	303	-1	...	3.7	34.7
348	250½	Edinburgh	339	...	8.5	3.1	37.1
332	183	Electra Inv	328†	...	7.0	2.7	∞
207	141	Electric Gen	206†	+1	3.1	1.9	64.2
121	85	English Scot	121	...	...	...	...
341	205	European Asset	340	...	...	2.1	44.2
150	77	Finsbury 'A'	149	-1	3.0	2.5	47.9
333½	248	Fleming Amer	317	...	0.8	0.3	...
248	190½	-do- Claver	247	...	...	2.7	48.7
363	212	Do Contl	361	-1	2.7	0.9	...
225	147	-do- Ensp	224	...	...	2.6	45.3
459	213	-do- F East	447	-12	1.1	0.3	...
374	246	-do- Fledg	374	-1	3.0	1.0	...
122	93	-do- HI Inc	117	-1	...	4.7	20.0
260	136	-do- Japan	236	+6	...	0.2	...
317	250	-do- Merc	315	-½	6.7	2.7	67.4
333	212	-do- Overs	333	+1	4.2	1.6	69.7
296	203	Foreign & Col	295	...	...	1.5	...
140	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	138	-1½	0.2	0.2	∞
74	44	-do- Enterprise	74	+1½	0.4	0.7	...
248	164	-do- Eurotst	248	...	...	0.6	...
145	87	-do- German	139	-1	0.5	0.4	...
357	191	-do- Pacific	348	-9	...	0.8	...
180½	116	-do- Smaller	180†	-½	1.8	1.3	...
272	145	GT Japan	253	+1½	...	0.6	...
180	65	Genl Cons Cap	177	-1	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	115½	...	...	9.3	11.7
176	115	Govett Am Smlr	176	+2	...	...	...
144	94	-do- Emg Mkts	143	-1	...	...	...
429	184	-do- Oriental	417	-12	0.9	0.3	...
298	207	-do- Strategy	297	+3	...	2.8	41.5
428	340	Greenfriar	428	...	...	1.9	64.3
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
154	124	Inv Cap	152	...	...	4.2	29.2
108	77	IBS UK Smllr	107	...	2.8	3.3	29.8
236	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	232	...	5.1	2.8	∞
264	176	-do- O'seas	260	...	3.5	1.6	73.9
142	108	-do- Smlr	139	-1	...	3.1	33.7
825	540	Law Debenture	819	-1	18.3	2.8	40.9
226	164	Majedie	225	...	...	2.8	42.0
314	221	Merchants	313	+½	...	4.4	29.1
3347½	1850	Merrill Lynch	2725	+37½	...	...	...
580	383	Monks Inv Tst	580	+4	...	1.4	73.5
151	105	Morg Gren Inc	151	+1	4.5	3.7	∞
57	23	Do Warrants	57	...	...	...	...
64	39	Murray Euro	63	...	0.1	0.3	...
23½	4½	Do Wts	23½	...	...	...	...
389	282	Murray Income	381	-1	10.9	3.6	36.4
394	265	-do- Intl	389†	-1	11.6	3.7	35.1
525	263	-do- Small	525	+6	...	1.0	...
103	86½	-do- S/C Inc	89	...	...	14.9	∞
148	73	-do- S/C Cap	148	+1	...	...	...
3200	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3175	...	...	4.2	∞
160	142½	-do- S/C DP	160	+½	...	...	...
357	230	-do- Vent	355	...	...	3.8	28.7
93	68	Nthrog Inc	93	...	6.7	9.2	17.2
386	249	O'seas Inv Tst	385	...	...	1.0	...
647	285	Pacific Assets	607	-33	1.1	0.2	...
545	187	Do Warrants	511	-31	...	...	...
8800	7050	Personal Assets	8800	...	190	2.7	52.0
189	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	185	-1	1.1	0.8	...
127	108	River & Merc	125½	...	9.2	9.2	12.5
465	350	Robeco	425	...	...	3.0	...
435	346	Rolinco	430	...	...	1.8	...
292	214	St Andrew Inv	292	...	7.5	3.2	39.3
174	131	Scot American	170½	...	...	3.4	36.1
371	136	Scot Asian	364	-14	...	...	...
1090	225	do Warrants	1038	-30	...	...	...
91½	63½	-do- Eastern	89½	+½	1.5	2.2	58.8
249	183	Scottish	243†	+1	4.9	2.5	∞
255	178	-do- Mtge	253	+1½	4.0	2.0	65.7
119½	71	-do- Value	119½	+½	1.8	1.9	∞
1738	1380	Second Alliance	1730	-3	...	2.8	43.5
103	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	101	-½	3.3	4.0	33.4
171	109½	Selective Asset	170	...	1.3	0.9	61.1
46	14	Sphere Inv	46	...	3.1	8.4	14.8
205	112	TR Far East	199	-6	...	3.1	37.9
167	126	TR City Of Lon	165½	-½	...	3.7	35.3
249	180	TR Pacific	238	-11	0.3	0.2	...
41½	17	TR Property	40½	-½	0.9	2.8	42.5
136	47	TR Tech Inv	135	...	1.7	1.6	50.1
209½	140	TR Smllr Cos	209½	+1½	...	2.3	48.0
399½	223	Temple Bar	386	...	13.2	4.3	29.1
135	69	Thrgmtn Asian E	129	-6	0.5	0.5	...
84	54	Throgmorton	84	+2½	2.3	3.4	34.3
550	363	Throg Dual Cp	536	...	...	...	...
257	178	USDC Invest	257	...	4.5	2.2	47.3
120	76½	Value Inc Tst	120	...	4.0	4.2	30.2
930	542	Whitbread Inv	925	...	16.5	2.2	55.7
249½	181	Witan	243	-1	5.6	2.9	42.6

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
496	269	Airtours	496†	+4	...	2.3	15.8
64	41	Ald Leis	44	...	...	8.5	14.3
465	194	Anglia TV	455	-14	...	2.5	21.1
103	63	Baldwin	88	...	4.6	6.5	11.9
269	192	Barr & W 'A'	268	...	10.0	4.7	17.3
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1170	+15	22.0	2.4	17.5
198	90	Border TV•	148	+5	...	3.1	13.2
16½	4	Brent Walker	6½	-½	...	...	...
150	48	Bristol Scotts	113	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Intl	7	...	...	...	...
292	67	Campari	68	...	8.7	16.1	...
351	171	Capital Radio	350	...	5.7	2.1	∞
967	718	Carlton Comm	958	-1	...	2.5	22.5
266	158	Castle Comms•	266	+1	...	4.0	17.6
2964	1615	Central TV	2964	+1	39.0	1.6	32.3
124	61	Chrysalis	115†	...	3.2	3.5	...
692	470	Compass Gp	692	-13	...	2.3	19.0
350	175	Eurocamp	254	...	9.7	4.8	10.5
1180	268	Euro Disney	380	+22	...	3.1	...
8	1½	Euro Leisure	3	+½	...	...	...
38½	18	Ex-Lands	37½	...	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	341	-12	...	3.9	31.4
378	232	First Leisure	285	+2	6.2	2.7	19.7
385	71	Flextech•	370#	...	...	0.2	...
690	298	GWR Gp•	690	-15	...	1.6	∞
246	149	Grampian	229	...	6.5	3.5	15.9
22	4½	Greenwich Comm•	15	...	...	...	...
115	19	HTV Group	114	+1	...	...	50.6
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	70	...	...	4.0	...
12½	5½	Kunick	11½	...	...	...	∞
649	405	LWT Hldgs	648	+22	...	0.9	30.0
600	327	Man Utd	544	...	...	4.5	22.0
48	7½	Northern	34½	...	...	...	...
148	90	Owners Abrd	88	+7	3.9	5.6	7.1
77	33	The Pelican Gp	75	+3	...	1.8	17.6
181	55	Prism Leisure•	181	...	...	2.3	16.8
42	16	Quadrant Grp	38	...	...	...	...
405	274	Radio Clyde•	400†	+3	...	3.0	17.8
210	132	Ramsdens (H)	209	...	...	2.7	22.7
553	410	Scot TV	463	+8	10.3	2.8	22.8
76	37	Southern Radio	76†	+1	1.2	2.1	∞
311	168	Stanley Leisure	311	+1	4.3	1.7	24.5
10	5½	Sunleigh•	7½	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	128	...	3.5	3.4	19.5
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.7
2½	1	Ticketing•	2	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	97	...	...	2.6	5.1
90	44	Trans World•	90	+3	...	1.1	32.8
523	274	Ulster TV	523	...	12.0	2.9	16.0
113	62	Vardon	113	+1	0.8	0.9	26.7
22	11	Wembley	17	...	...	...	...
234	180	Yorkshire TV	178	-14	12.0	8.4	5.4
120	83	Zetters Gp	113	...	8.0	8.8	12.8

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6512½	1800	Am Gold	6512½	+487½	...	3.5	28.8
1818½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1818½	+37½	...	5.1	9.4
3675	1125	Ang Am	3575	-71½	...	2.0	30.2
33	8½	Anglo Pac Res•	29	...	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	180	...	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	37	...	...	...	∞
882	233	Buffels	882	...	...	7.3	7.6
3	1	Botte	3	+½	...	...	...
878	546	CRA	878	+3	...	2.4	28.1
43½	11	Cluff Res	38	-2	...	...	...
1687½	762½	De Beers	1687½	+8½	...	3.0	22.3
165	37½	Deelkraal	144	-4	...	1.4	10.5
96	7	Doornfontein	70½	...	...	...	...
914	388	Driefontein	886	-13	...	3.4	14.6
788	120	Durban	764	-9	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	167	-3	...	6.6	4.9
175	35	E Rand Prop	113	...	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	462	-21	...	2.6	10.9
1239	292	FS Cons	1205	-30	...	4.0	15.5
90	8	FS Dev	57	...	...	...	...
1800	725	GFSA	1768	-20	...	2.3	29.3
150	62½	Gencor	149	+4	...	6.0	16.7
71½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	71½	+2	...	1.9	29.3
22	5	Greenwich R 'A'	16	-½	...	...	...
202	49	Grootvlei	178	-14	...	5.7	10.9
400	78	Harmony	400	+17	...	...	...
430	87	Hartbs	407	-23	...	7.0	10.2
16	8½	Inocon•	15½	...	...	...	...
1019	491	Impala Plat	1019	+35	...	2.8	32.9
13½	6	Kenmare Res•	12½	+1½	...	...	...
1315	332	Kinross	1234	-26	...	4.8	...
913	319	Kloof	873	-22	...	2.5	10.4
137	25	Leslie	109	-1	...	10.0	∞
359	13	Loraine	322	-11	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	...
127½	80	MIM	127½	...	...	1.8	55.3
1488	1020	Minorco	1455	-9	...	2.7	17.2
176	91	Nth Brkn Hill	176	+1½	...	2.8	27.1
3087½	612½	Orange Free	3037½	-40½	...	4.3	17.5
847	607	RTZ	823	-11	...	3.0	23.3
212½	106½	Rand Mines	212½	...	...	5.4	∞
800	150	Randfontein	781	-17	...	3.8	7.6
252	115	Renison	242	-7	...	1.9	25.0
1337½	850	Rustnbrg	1337½	+37½	...	2.5	∞
756	191	St Helena	743	-13	...	3.3	15.3
2470	475	Southvaal	2443	-27	...	2.3	42.8
119	18	Stilfontein	99	...	...	6.3	17.6
201	58	Unisel	153	-7	...	4.6	∞
7537½	1800	Vaal Reefs	7225	-312½	...	3.1	12.6
813	154	Welkom	785	-26	...	4.3	17.6
640	26	Western Areas	591	-7	...	0.9	4.1
3362½	587½	Western Deep	3250	-59½	...	1.9	14.9
340	176	Wstrn Mining	340	+2	...	1.5	...
1226	323	Winkels	1225	-1	...	3.3	∞
84	49	Zambia Copper	54	+4	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	65	-3	...	7.1	21.6

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
298	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
153	78	Appleyard	141	+1	...	4.6	...
338	203	Bletchley Mtr	338	...	...	3.4	17.2
192	120	Bostrom	180	...	6.0	4.2	31.8
468	165	Br Aerospace	431	-4	7.3	2.1	...
58	19½	Burndene	50†	...	1.7	4.4	∞
425	303	Caffyns	415	...	11.5	3.5	22.0
15½	4½	Caverdale	15½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr•	123	...	...	4.1	31.3
36	18	Cook (DC)•	35	...	...	3.2	19.9
290	156	Cowie (T)	289	+8	6.6	2.9	22.0
141	86	Dag Motors	135	...	5.7	5.3	24.4
155	102½	Davenprt Vern	144	...	...	3.5	18.2
330	155	ERF	278	...	2.0	0.9	...
149	92	European Mtr	149	...	...	3.1	20.9
415	208	Evans Halshaw	415	+1	11.4	3.4	63.9
290	211	FR Group	241	+6	...	3.7	11.2
4303½	2843½	Ford Motor	4312½	+25	...	...	...
3837½	2143½	General Mtr	3837½	+37½	...	1.4	...
75	38	Gowrings	60	...	2.0	4.2	...
290	85	Henlys	290	+15	3.5	1.5	...
1056	769	Honda Motor	960	-4	...	0.9	...
38	15	Jacks (Wm)	38	...	...	...	...
108	86	Jessups	86	...	4.5	6.5	...
176	97	Kwik-Fit	163	+1	...	2.7	23.0
455	281	Lex Service	455	+10	...	3.1	24.9
168	85	Lookers	168	...	6.2	4.6	...
198½	126	Lucas	197½	+½	...	4.4	...
27½	21	Malaya Grp	25	...	...	...	...
290	224½	Pendragon	289	...	...	2.8	23.7
190	101½	Perry Gp	185	-10	...	4.8	...
190	108	Quicks Group	157	+1	...	3.8	20.1
177	96½	Rolls-Royce	171	+3	...	3.7	...
225	164	T & N	216	+4	...	6.3	30.8
265	163	Trinity Hldgs	263	...	...	2.6	24.6
186	125	Vardy (Reg)	185	+5	...	2.9	25.7
265	121	Westland	263†	-2	4.5	2.1	∞

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
200	103	Adscene	200	+2	5.0	3.1	20.5
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
608	290	Blenheim Gp	315	...	...	3.7	11.7
370	275	Bristol	370	...	...	4.1	33.4
£116½	7775	Daily Mail	£115½	+125	...	1.6	26.9
£116½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£115†	+175	...	1.6	26.9
265	210	Dorling Kind	264	+1	...	1.6	23.9
6550	4337½	Elsevier	6062½	-184½	...	1.5	21.6
428	322	EMAP	428	...	...	2.4	26.3
1525	873	Euromoney Pb	1500	...	...	3.2	26.4
264	160	Harrington K	160	-5	4.7	3.7	13.1
370	155½	Haynes Pub	370	+5	...	1.8	20.9
363	334	Hodder H'line	341	...	5.1	1.9	20.0
140	99	Home Counts	121	...	5.2	5.4	...
164	30	Intl Bus Comm	163	-1	...	...	23.6
14	6½	Int Cm & Data•	12	...	...	...	...
440	240	Independent	440	+15	...	2.8	23.6
580	395	Johnston Press	552	+1	6.5	1.5	23.9
343	243	Metal Bulletn	343	+3	8.2	3.0	24.2
186	88	Mirror Gp	184	+13	...	...	...
515	287	News Corp	439	+5	...	0.3	...
301	169	News Intl	274	...	...	0.6	16.9
639	342	Pearson	621	-9	...	2.4	33.7
675	510	Portsmth Sund	673	+3	...	1.8	18.6
923	618	Reed Int	894	-10	...	2.4	38.9
188	98	Southnews	187	-1	...	1.6	34.6
171	90	Sterling Pubs	167	+1	...	2.3	20.3
502	328	Telegraph	502	...	...	3.0	21.1
835	715	Thomson Corp	785	...	30.1	4.8	39.2
438	313	Trinity Intl	437	...	9.0	2.6	26.2
39	21	Utd Groupe•	28	...	...	...	...
685	480½	Utd Newspaper	685	+9	...	3.9	19.0

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	28	+2	...	...	27.3
61	33	Arcon Intl•	42	+3	...	...	...
71	41½	Ass Oil & Gas	61	-1½	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	66	...	...	...	...
16	3½	Beverley	7½	+½	...	...	94.6
223	145	Br Borneo	205	+4	7.1	4.3	6.2
361½	276	British Gas	350	+8½	14.2	5.1	16.9
373	225	Br Petroleum	371	-16	8.4	2.8	29.1
2½	1	Bula Resources	2½	...	...	...	...
859	675	Burmah Castrl	858	+10	...	3.7	20.0
68	23	Cairn Energy	58	+2	...	...	8.3
328	223	Calor Gp	328	+3	...	4.6	17.9
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	48	+2	...	...	...
44	27	Coplex Res	25	...	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas•	20½	-½	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	462	+17	...	4.3	25.4
88	25	Exp Co Louis	40	-1	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	21½	+½	...	5.0	7.8
10½	4	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	55	+1	1.4	3.2	10.5
48	18	Gt Western Res	31	...	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	159	+5	...	0.8	14.8
46	18½	Kelt Energy	42	+2	...	...	...
195	97	LASMO	125	+7	...	3.3	28.3
103	63	-do- Units	68	...	9.4	17.4	...
39	2	Mid Scot Res•	2½	...	...	...	...
59½	34	Monument	56½	+1	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	5	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
48	27	Oil Search	48	+1	...	...	...
10½	11½	Petrex	18	...	...	...	...
162	98	Pict Pet	157	+3	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	22½	+1	...	...	8.4
168	50	Presidio	158	...	...	4.2	...
410	290	Ranger	340	-3	...	4.8	...
7312½	5190	Royal Dtch Fl	7262½	+212½	...	4.2	18.0
4500	3600	Schlumberger	3975	...	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	57	...	...	...	...
744	515	Shell	741	+22	22.8	3.8	22.8
203	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	20	...	...	...	...
15½	6	Villers Grp	15	+½	...	...	...
308	135	Woodside	200	+2	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
173	120	AG Holdings	173	+1	...	3.8	15.7
425	249	API	425	...	8.2	2.4	∞
259	144	Arjo Wiggins	238	...	...	3.4	38.4
543	408	Abbott Mead	540	...	9.5	2.2	28.4
40	13	Anglo Gp	22½	+½	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms•	169	+9	...	3.6	15.5
26	7	BBB Design•	26	+6	...	...	...
424	223	Bemrose	424	+4	...	3.5	19.5
30½	7	Birkdale	9	+½	...	...	...
155	118	Bunzl	150	+4	4.0	3.3	22.6
405	257	CIA Gp	405	+7	...	1.4	25.5
230	93	Capital Inds	133	...	...	3.4	12.7
92	44	City of Lon•	85	...	...	5.7	15.7
305	160	Cropper (James)	305	+1	3.2	1.3	29.5
95	51	Delyn Group	90	...	1.6	2.3	12.1
120	94	Dolphin Pack	106	+2	4.5	5.3	26.2
87	42	Dudley Jenkins•	77	...	...	5.0	17.5
16½	10½	Elswick	15½	...	...	...	...
77	41	Fairway Group•	77	...	3.2	5.3	22.7
363	271	Ferguson Intl	363	...	...	4.3	16.4
137	92	Ferry Pick	137	...	...	5.1	37.0
197	74	Findlay	190	-4	...	1.0	24.4
20	10½	Flitch	11½	...	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons•	141	...	...	4.6	15.9
295	206	Gold Greenless	206	...	8.4	5.2	18.3
41	17	Goodhead	21†	...	0.0	0.3	∞
38	19	Hunterprint	25	...	...	...	...
185	136	Interurope	161	...	...	6.1	11.8
278	191	Jarvis Porter	274	...	...	2.2	25.6
32	15½	Lopex	22	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MMI	35½	-1	...	...	...
364	175	More O'Ferrall	364	+4	13.2	4.5	43.6
133	48	NMC Group	129	...	2.7	2.7	19.9
239	66	Osborne & Little	239	+3	...	2.7	26.2
525	455	Portals	523	+2	...	3.5	18.0
3	¼	Premier Flm	2	...	...	...	...
292	159	Quarto	292	-3	...	2.5	18.0
347	270	St Ives Gp	339	-10	...	2.0	22.4
186	133	Saatchi	148	+1	...	...	...
502	292	Sappi	497	-14	...	6.6	9.4
24½	8½	Serif	24½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	26½	+2½	...	...	...
425	294	Smith David	425	-7	...	2.9	22.3
327	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	327	-12	...	1.6	7.9
103	45	Sonic	103	...	2.5	3.0	42.2
246	183	Sta-Plus	220	...	8.4	4.8	19.6
28½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½	-½	0.3	1.6	21.6
130	38	VTR•	130	...	...	3.6	19.6
106	40	WPP	92	+2	...	1.4	3.5
188	62	Wace	188	+3	...	0.7	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	246	+1	...	4.1	18.4
418	270	Watmough	410	...	...	1.8	32.1
7	3	Westport•	3½	...	...	...	...
42	12	Whitney Mck•	41	-1	...	...	...
102	55	Wyndeham	101†	-1	...	1.9	21.6

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
116	41	Allied Lon	109½	+½	...	4.0	28.4
47	35	Arcadian	38	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	6	...	...	...	...
135	52	Asda	135	+1	...	2.0	14.2
152	88	Avonside	149	...	4.1	3.4	20.8
2637½	2062½	BCE•	2325	-12½	...	...	...
685	396	Bilton	685	+20	18.9	3.4	24.8
83	17	Bourne End	72	-1	...	1.7	...
258	150	Bradford	258	+9	5.9	2.9	26.1
23	5	Bredero	17	...	...	...	...
449	160½	Br Land	409†	-11	...	2.2	37.3
250	140½	Brixton	239	+5	...	4.4	18.9
101½	42	Burford	101½	+½	...	1.6	...
194	99	Cap & Regnl•	194	+1	...	0.8	...
230	120	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
995	196	Chesterfield	994	...	11.5	2.4	42.5
43	12	City Site Ests	36	...	...	...	...
32	12	Clarke Nicholls	29	...	...	...	...
548	285	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
53	34	Conrad Rtblt Gs	44	...	...	...	...
1475	818	Daejan	1475	+7	...	2.3	18.2
65	5	Dares Estates	7½	+2	...	...	...
135	53	Debenham Twsn	134	...	...	2.8	26.1
16	4	De Morgan	16	+3	...	...	...
180	76	Dencora	178	...	3.0	2.1	...
679	263	Derwent Hldgs	679	+1	8.7	1.6	...
45	10	Development Sec	36	+½	...	...	...
55	24	Dwyer	55	...	...	...	...
400	170	Estates Agency	400	...	...	2.4	47.5
27	7½	Estates Gen	21	-½	...	...	...
216	132	Evans Of Leeds	216	+1	...	2.7	19.1
36	11	Five Oaks	36	+1	...	...	...
87	30	Fletcher King	66	...	1.0	1.9	43.4
515	229½	Frogmore	507	+7	...	3.9	24.4
243	97	Grainger	243	+6	5.2	2.7	∞
233	116½	Gr Portland	229	...	...	4.4	21.9
20	3½	Greycoat	19	-½	...	...	...
269	101	HK Land	241	-27	...	2.6	31.7
86	35	Hambro Cntyw	86	...	0.5	0.7	...
422	233	Hammerson	398	-12	10.0	3.1	40.3
336	127	Helical Bar	313	...	...	2.0	11.2
39	19	Hemingway	35	-1	...	...	...
132	58	Herring Baker	59	-1	3.7	7.9	14.8
153	133	Jermyn	128	...	...	...	...
802	435	Land Sec	772	+2	23.1	3.7	23.0
114	73	Lon Merch Sec	107†	...	4.0	4.7	16.6
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	11	...	...	...	...
565	315½	MEPC	520	-6	...	4.8	36.6
9	5	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
165	90	McKay Secs	165	...	3.5	2.7	22.6
7½	2½	Markheath	2½	...	...	...	...
81	12	Merivale Mre	80	...	...	...	...
53	29	Moorfield Est	53	...	...	...	...
1320	775	Mountview	1320	...	22.0	2.1	13.7
179	112	Mucklow (A&J)	179	+1	...	4.3	27.9
53	30	Olives Prop	50	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	ORB	2	-½	...	...	0.6
173	88	PSIT	169	-2	4.1	3.1	33.5
364	138	Peel	364	+6	4.0	1.4	...
16	4½	Power Corp	7½	+1	...	...	...
49	22	Property Trust	42	...	...	...	12.0
63	33	Raglan	41	-1	...	...	...
35½	11	Regalian	34	-½	...	...	...
140	110	Rowlinson Secs	140	...	1.5	1.3	17.5
50	16	St Modwen Prp	48	...	0.9	2.3	36.6
66	39	Saville Gdn (J)	65	...	...	4.2	32.4
98	39	Savills	92	-4	...	1.4	36.4
112	37½	Scot Met	104	...	...	1.8	∞
123	39	Shaftesbury	123	+1	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	12	...	...	...	6.3
290	139½	Slough Estates	270	-2	...	3.8	18.9
101	56	Southend Prop	98†	+1	...	3.1	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps•	25	...	...	...	...
229	114	Tops Ests	229	...	2.1	1.2	...
137	74	Town Centre	133	+1	...	3.2	23.8
98	43	Trafford Park	94	...	...	3.7	21.6
56	17	UK Land	31	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	9½	...	...	...	...
309	180	Warner	306	+4	10.4	4.2	28.0
225	168	Warnford	225	+3	7.5	4.2	16.3
8	2	Wateglade	2½	...	...	...	...
95	34	Wates	90½	...	...	...	...
85	40	Wood John D•	83	-1	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
32	11	Automagic•	32	...	...	...	...
210	84	Headlam	208	-2	...	1.8	46.9
300	285	Lambert	315	...	13.2	5.3	7.7
100	44	Pittards	72	+2	7.5	2.6	20.6
30	20	Strong & Fisher	22½	+½	1.0	5.6	6.3
247	89	Stylo	247	...	...	1.5	...
66	53	UK Safety	57	...	...	5.7	1.9

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
527	408	Allied Text	527	+2	12.7	3.0	16.9
69	54	Beckman (A)	56	...	3.5	8.0	∞
41	21	Bolton Gp	27	...	...	...	...
198	141	Br Mohair	197	...	8.5	5.4	18.5
53	15	Charnwell•	40	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Ga	331	-5	7.5	2.9	20.7
601	449	Courtauld Text	482	...	13.9	3.6	13.2
57½	24	Cupid•	25	...	...	...	...
248½	130	Dawson	140	...	...	6.8	10.7
47	22	Drummond	35	...	...	...	...
89	65	Faupel•	79†	...	...	7.8	13.2
34	15	Foster (John)	26	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	114	...	4.2	4.7	...
246	156	Hicking Pntcst	246	+6	...	2.1	17.4
90	45	Jerome (S)	67	...	...	0.4	...
422	249	Lamont	399	...	12.0	3.8	26.4
515	353½	Leeds	506	...	8.5	2.1	∞
64	15	Lister	53	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	89	...	...	4.6	...
215	89	Magellan	212	...	1.4	0.8	...
214	77½	Parkland	215	+13	...	1.0	...
102½	82	Readicut	99½	...	...	4.3	18.7
66	35	SEET	59	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	131	...	...	5.1	9.0
72	44	Stirling Gp	62	...	1.9	3.8	17.2
51	35	Stoddard	38	...	...	4.9	35.3
312	250	Tomkinsons	276	...	11.5	5.2	∞
59	30½	West Trust	34	...	...	9.9	...
254	126	Yorklyde	254	...	...	2.7	16.7

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	407	BAT	551	+10	...	4.4	16.5
495	315½	Rothmans	473	+5	...	3.3	14.9

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
551	349	Assoc Br Ports	551	-3	...	2.0	...
1087	707	BAA	1061	+4	...	1.9	26.3
464	249	Br Airways	464	+7	...	2.9	20.8
113	56	Clarkson (H)	106	...	1.7	2.1	...
665	332	Eurotunnel Uts	654	+10	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	73	...	0.5	0.9	19.6
274	147	IoM Steam	272	...	...	3.9	14.3
44	24	Jacobs (JI)	44	+2	0.5	1.4	...
107	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	99	...	...	1.3	18.1
475	264	Mersey Docks	444	...	...	2.5	30.2
271	181	Natl Express	245	-2	...	3.6	25.3
272	218	NFC	251	+7	...	3.5	19.4
343	244	Ocean Group	333	-5	...	5.4	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	73	+1	4.0	6.8	13.2
676	504	P & O Dfd	617	-2	...	6.2	33.5
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	161	-2	...	4.3	...
649	448	Powell Duffryn	649	+11	...	4.4	20.6
235	117	Seacon•	235	...	...	2.9	14.8
171	112	Stagecoach	170	...	...	2.8	20.7
91	31½	TNT	91	+2	...	...	...
858	624	Tibbet & Britten	850	...	12.6	1.9	32.6
382	37	Tiphook	75	...	...	...	...
298	227	TDG	291	+2	...	4.1	9.6

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Anglian Water	549	-20	...	4.9	11.0
349	244	Mid Kent Hldgs	349	+1	...	3.9	12.9
761	547	Northumbrian	704	-1	...	4.1	8.3
604	431½	North West	550	-10	...	5.0	9.1
633	439	Severn Trent	583	-8	...	4.6	9.0
685	454	Sthrn Water	639†	-9	...	4.3	10.3
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1535	+10	48.5	3.9	10.9
651	465	South West	610	-9	...	5.0	10.0
598	454	Thames Water	559	-10	...	4.8	11.0
735	506	Welsh Water	672	-10	...	4.5	6.8
745	536	Wessex Water	704†	-12	...	3.9	11.2
630	473½	Yorkshire W	580	-10	...	4.7	9.6

Source: Finstat

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100	Treas 8½% 1994	100†	...	8.48	5.26
109	101	Treas 14½% 1994	101	...	14.30	5.31
109	101	Exch 13½% 1994	102	...	13.17	5.21
105	102	Treas 10% 1994	102	...	9.80	5.12
110	104	Exch 12½% 1994	104	-	11.96	5.08
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103	...	8.71	5.04
111	107	Treas 12% 1995	107†	-	11.21	5.05
98	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.06	4.64
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107†	-	9.53	5.09
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	113	-	11.25	5.13
120	116	Treas 14% 1996	116†	-	11.99	5.24
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	-	12.56	5.33
120	115	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	-	11.29	5.34
112	108	Conv 10% 1996	111	-	8.95	5.49
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	121†	-	10.94	5.60
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113	...	9.23	5.63
110	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	110	-	7.95	5.66
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	131	-	11.45	5.78
114	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	114†	-	8.55	5.78
106	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	105	-	6.86	5.71
106	101	Treas 7¼% B 1998	105	-	6.86	5.72
102	97	Treas 6% 1995-98	101	...	6.62	5.27
131	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	130	-	10.72	5.97
140	133	Treas 15½% 1998	139	+	11.11	5.81
126	118	Exch 12% 1998	125	-	9.59	5.96
116	109	Treas 9½% 1999	115†	...	8.22	5.89

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	98	Treas 6% 1999	100	...	6.05	5.81
128	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	127	-	9.61	6.04
121	112	Treas 10½% 1999	120	-	8.70	5.94
121	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	120	-	8.49	6.01
116	106	Conv 9% 2000	115	-	7.81	5.99
136	125	Treas 13% 2000	135†	-	9.59	6.26
106	97	Treas 7% 2001	105	-	6.89	6.12
122	109	Treas 10% 2001	121	-	8.26	6.28
123	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	122	-	7.99	6.39
113	97	Treas 8% 2003	112	...	7.13	6.26
127	109	Treas 10% 2003	125	+	7.95	6.39
129	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	128	-	8.96	6.49
86	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	84	+	4.12	5.40
105	97	Treas 6¾% 2004	103	+	6.50	6.26
125	105	Conv 9½% 2004	123	+	7.68	6.42
125	105	Conv 9½% 2005	124	+	7.66	6.46
143	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	141	-	8.61	6.65
111	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	110	+	7.24	6.41
112	94	Treas 7¾% 2006	111	-	6.98	6.46
136	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	134†	-	8.73	6.61
119	97	Treas 8½% 2007	117	-	7.22	6.52
151	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	149	+	9.00	6.69
124	101	Treas 9% 2008	123	-	7.31	6.54

LONGS (over 15 years)

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	92	Treas 8% 2009	114	-	7.01	6.56
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	124	-	7.22	6.60
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	125	-	7.17	6.60
94	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	92	+	5.95	6.22
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	113†	-	6.84	6.51
117	93	Treas 8% 2013	115	-	6.92	6.58
159	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	156	-	7.66	6.78
128	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	125	-	6.95	6.57

UNDATED

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54½	38½	War Ln 3½%	53†	-	6.57	...
37½	27	Treas 2½%	36½	-	6.87	...

INDEX-LINKED

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
136	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	136	...	...	...
204	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	202	-	1.17	2.11
113	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112	-	1.39	2.05
176	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	175	-	2.22	2.58
179	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	171	-	2.45	2.75
118	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	116	-	2.48	2.77
184	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	182†	-	2.53	2.76
168	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	166	-	2.70	2.90
175	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	173	-	2.76	2.95
146	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	144	-	2.80	2.96
157	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	154	-	2.86	3.01
152	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	150	-	2.90	3.05
129	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	126	-	2.86	3.01
128	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	126†	-	2.91	3.03

INFOTECH

An X-cert for computer games

The electronic games industry is trying to impose a ratings system to protect children, says Matthew May



Not suitable for children? A shot from the Sega *Night Trap* game, which uses real actors and which has been criticised for its violence

Up to 200 representatives of the computer and video games industry will meet tomorrow to start developing a joint ratings system for their products in order to mark out the most violent or sexually explicit as unsuitable for children.

They hope that by developing a voluntary labelling system they will head off criticism that some computer games dehumanise children by glorifying violence.

The representatives, who are meeting in Las Vegas during a consumer electronics show, fear that governments might themselves introduce draconian measures to control increasingly realistic portrayals of violence.

But for some critics a voluntary labelling system will not be enough. They argue that putting an adults-only label on some computer games will simply make them more attractive to the very people who are not meant to play them — children and teenagers.

Whether computer games are already too violent is a subject of argument, but even the software developers admit that technological improvements allowing the use of real-life actors in games means that this year it will be possible to produce a computer game as gory as any video nasty.

While parents may find it easy to guess that "entertainment" software called *Cover Girl Strip Poker* or *The Joy of Sex* may be unsuitable for children, game titles give little clue to their level of violence involved.

Most adults do not want to plough through reviews in specialist magazines in order to vet a child's wish-list of computer games. And they are probably neither willing nor able to reach a sufficiently advanced level of play on a game themselves to ensure that the violence in it is acceptable.

What is considered an acceptable level of violence in computer games for children varies widely, but a study released last month argue suggests that the games can certainly cause aggression and addiction.

Dr Mark Griffiths, a psychologist from Plymouth University, says that a survey of 400 children at a comprehensive school in Exeter who played computer games found that one in five admitted aggressive behaviour as a result. A similar proportion showed signs of addictive behaviour.

To make matters worse for the computer games industry, the Japanese government is becoming concerned about youngsters' eyesight. A survey published by the education ministry this week says that the sight of Japan's school-age video players has degenerated to its worst ever after too many hours of electronic warfare on flickering television screens.

While no company warns children against playing its games too much, some have taken individual measures over classification. Nintendo says it has a code against excessive violence, while Sega has its own labelling system.

An industry-wide ratings system like that in the cinema may be an easy and practical option though this, too, has its critics who believe it may not be suitable. They say that basing the rating system on the level of violence permissible in films for each age group does not take into account the interactive nature of computer games. Watching people shoot each other, they say, is not the same as being encouraged to shoot someone — albeit electronically — yourself.

In Britain the precedent for adopting cinema style ratings has been set by Sega, which submitted the game *Night Trap* to the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) for certification. The board certified it as unsuitable for under-15s.

The game, which uses real actors and video clips, has been criticised for scenes where hooded men hang women from hooks or drill their necks to drain their blood.

The Toys 'R' Us chain decided to take *Night Trap* off the shelves of its American stores just before the Christmas peak selling period. The toy retailer said it acted after customer complaints about the violence in the game. Fans of *Night Trap*, however, argue that events in it are little worse than can be seen in some episodes of *Star Trek*.

The experience of *Night Trap* and other test cases with the BBFC has encouraged developers of computer games by giving publicity to the games submitted. At the same time it has encouraged the idea that an authority has sanctioned them as acceptable for certain groups.

But do games manufacturers really expect a cinema ratings system to work — in the sense that under-15s, or even under-18s, will really steer clear of products marked as unsuitable for them?

If they do avoid unsuitable games, it will require an unprecedented new market of adults to buy and play violent computer games to make it worthwhile for companies to produce them. The less savoury possiblity is that a voluntary labelling system will allow manufacturers to appear concerned, while knowing that many of their more violent offerings will still end up being played by children regardless of any certificate.

At home to Sanyo

THE consumer electronics maker Sanyo Electric plans to team up with 3DO of America to enter the home multimedia market.

Sanyo is to develop a machine for home use that runs software stored on CDs using the code developed by 3DO. The next-generation home media consoles are called "multimedia" because they can combine computer functions with video.

The Sanyo-3DO equipment will be compatible with the Interactive Multiplayer — a similar machine made jointly by consumer electronics giant Matsushita and 3DO — which went on sale in America last year for about £450.

Korean first

SOUTH Korean scientists claim to have developed the world's first notebook computer able to run both the Apple and Microsoft operating systems.

Newtech Korea Z-IL, a private computer research institute, built the dual-microprocessor, dual-operating system notebook over a period of five months, the Science and Technology Ministry said.

The institute will complete a prototype by the end of this month and unveil it in March at an international computer show in Hanover, Germany.

IBM at the top

IBM sold most of the PCs in the world last year with 13.6 per cent of the market, according to research firm Dataquest. Second place went to Apple at 11 per cent. Dataquest says that due to price-cutting, the number of PCs sold soared with worldwide revenue up by 16.2 per cent.

Compaq Computer, which has been at the forefront of the price wars, finished in third as it nearly doubled its revenue to $6.6 billion (£4.5 billion) from $3.48 billion and increased its market share to 10 per cent from 6.1 per cent.

Falling in

OFFICERS leaving the Russian army are to be retrained for new jobs as managers under plans announced by Olivetti.

The Italian computer company says it will lead a team of western European companies which will set up 15 advice centres in Russia to train some 16,000 demobbed army officers. The deal, set up by the European Commission, is worth more than £10 million.

Out of print

COMPAQ is to stop selling printers. Development work has ceased and the Pagemarq product line will be withdrawn within six months.

Daryl White, chief financial office for Compaq, said the company's share of the market is small "and does not provide a sufficient return to cover our level of investment".

Lapland line

ELECTRONIC mail has reached the stage in America where thou-



sands of children gave up using crayons to write to Father Christmas last month in favour of flashing their messages to the North Pole in a few seconds.

Santa e-mail was on offer from several online services though one third of the messages to one service came from adults. Top requests were 'Lamborghinis, better relationships, engagement rings and good college grades.'

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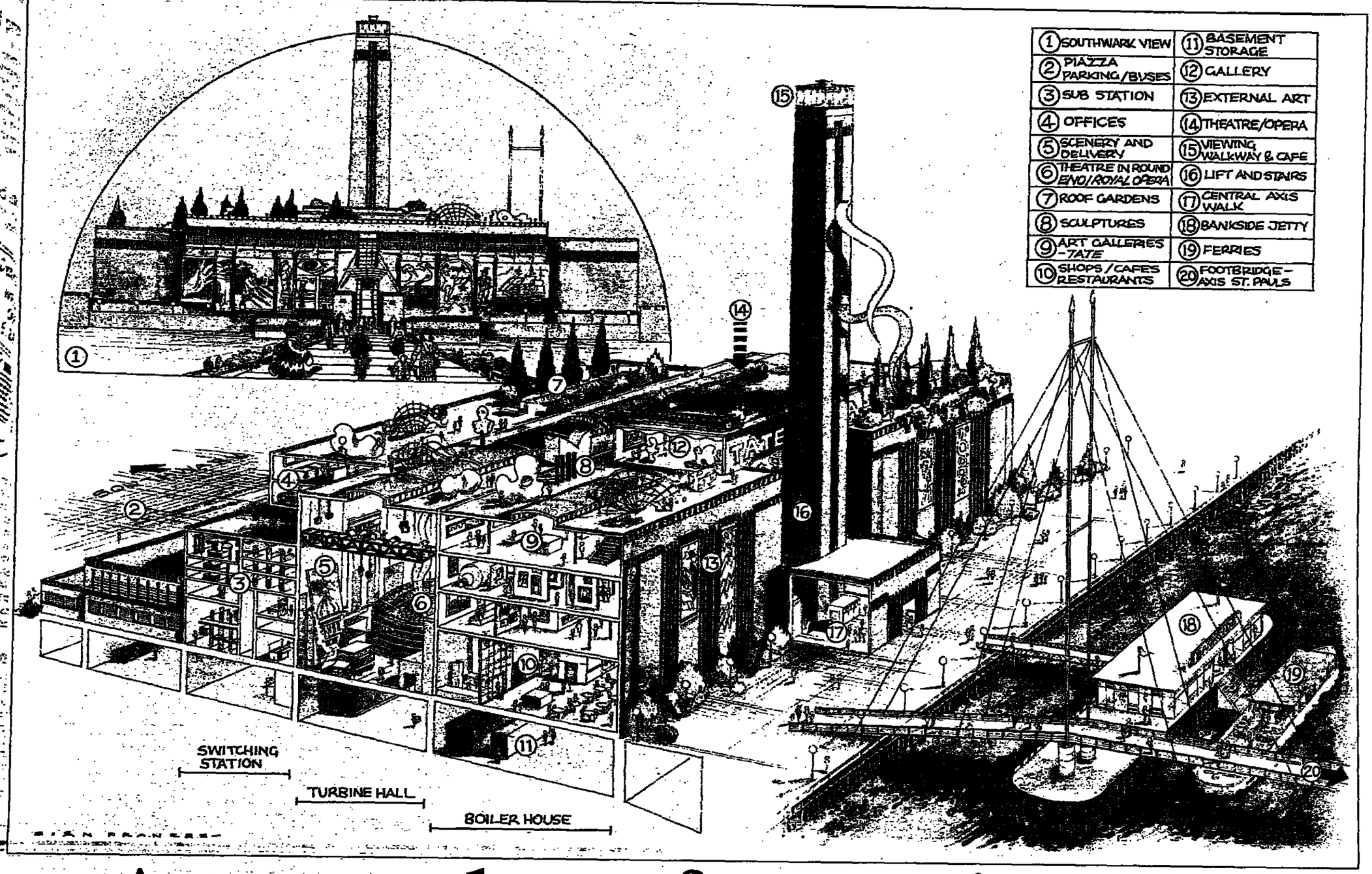
Caitlin Moran offers a few reasons why Top of the Pops has gone down the tubes

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This woman could become Britain's first black pop mega-star — and not before time





A power base for modern art

Marcus Binney examines a detailed proposal for converting the Bankside Power Station into a Tate museum of contemporary art

Within weeks, the trustees of the Tate Gallery are due to choose a site for Moma, the ambitious new proposal for a Museum of Modern Art which they hope will win financial backing from the Millennium Fund. Three sites on the South Bank of the Thames in London are on the shortlist. The first, at Vauxhall, is not being pursued as the present owners now have other ideas for it. The second, at Jubilee Gardens next to the Festival Hall, might have been the front-runner, but there are major problems over planning permission.

By contrast, the third contender — Bankside Power Station, between Blackfriars and Southwark Bridges, opposite St Paul's Cathedral — has been given an unexpectedly favourable structural report from Stanhope, the developers commissioned by the Tate to assess it. Bankside's main problem is sheer size. The Tate is looking for 210,000 square feet. Depending on what floors are inserted into the cavernous turbine hall and boiler house, Bankside could offer several times as much.

The man with a vision of how to use Bankside in a practical, economic way is Alan Baxter, an engineer with a large and flourishing practice specialising in historic buildings. He was asked to look at the power station by a heritage group, the Twentieth Century Society.

"You've got to think of Bankside as a giant marquee, made of bricks and steel not canvas and poles," Baxter says. "The way to use it is not to fit it out expensively, but to colonise it as required."

Baxter sees Bankside as a way of breathing life into the South Bank, in the same way as the Festival of Britain half a century ago, but on a more permanent basis. With free enterprise exhibits such as the London Dungeon and "Churchill: Britain at War" under London Bridge Station, as well as Sam Wanamaker's Globe (due for completion in 1995), Southwark is becoming as much a centre of entertainment as it was in Elizabethan times.

"The new museum must be popular and fun," Baxter says. "That means access to it for 18 hours a day, not just normal museum hours." His scheme, illustrated on this page, places Moma in the vast boiler house on the riverfront, providing a mixture of high-tech galleries and basic warehouse-style space for young artists to mount impromptu shows.

The huge turbine hall running through the centre of the building would be available for a whole range of events. "You could erect a scaffold theatre, as the Bolshoi Ballet did in the Royal Albert Hall last year," Baxter says.

He is consultant engineer to both the Royal Opera House and English National Opera. Both want to refurbish their premises and need alternative accommodation. "The Royal Opera House aims to be back in Covent Garden for New Year's Eve 1999, the ENO even sooner," Baxter notes. "Within the shell of the turbine hall you could erect one or two 1,500-seat temporary theatres with the backstage areas that opera needs, as well as height enough for a fly tower.

"By contrast, the Theatre Royal in Drury Lane is only suitable for a musical with a fixed set." And the most crucial point is that Bankside could be made available by the time of the Royal Opera House's proposed closure in 1997.

Part of Baxter's plan is to open up a grand axial galleria through the centre of the building, with plentiful surface car parking on the south side and riverside cafés on the north. This would link up with a new pedestrian bridge across the Thames, aligned on the steps up to St Paul's. The cost? "£2 million for a suspension footbridge, plus the cost of piers in the Thames which could also serve for river buses," Baxter says. One of these piers, the old oil landing stage, already exists in front of Bankside.

Nor is this a paper dream. Significantly, the City of London Corporation is a potential source of funds for the new bridge, and is making encouraging noises about the idea. Michael Cassidy, chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, says: "We want to take a much more positive approach to tourism and encourage visitors to St Paul's, the Tower of London and Tower Bridge to come by boat."

I asked Cassidy if the Corporation's well-endowed bridge fund could provide the money. "That's irrelevant, but if we decide the bridge is a good idea we'll pay for it one way or another."

Baxter would put lifts and stairs into Bankside's massive chimney, and would provide a smokestack café on top. "At 400 feet it's higher than the golden gallery at St Paul's and provides a better view than the Monument."

Bankside's large expanses of flat roof would also be put to a new use: as gardens and outdoor sculpture galleries. And way below, the huge basements provide all the storage space that any museum could wish for.

Baxter has a vision of Bankside, especially the bland south front, brought alive by huge outdoor artworks, illuminated exhibits and bright night-time floodlighting. "Here we don't have to be purist in our approach to conservation. The character of the building is so strong that it can take a great deal of change and contrast."

He also believes that demolition is not the easy option it might appear. "Fifties and Sixties buildings with very deep basements present a major problem for developers," he says. The London Electricity Board also has a 999-year lease on three substations built into the south side of the power station and serving Southwark, Waterloo and the Elephant & Castle area, as well as areas north of the river. These would need to be rehoused if there was any rebuilding.

The Tate's plans for Moma are dependent on winning support from the Millennium Fund, which is one of the five proposed beneficiaries of the National Lottery when it gets going. A spokesman for the Department of National Heritage says: "The Millennium Board is due to be appointed early this year with the Secretary of State as chairman. The indications are that there will be about £75 million a year to spend. We will be looking for one to two grand projects and spread the rest around the country."

The alternative site at Jubilee Gardens was handed over to the Arts Council following the abolition of the Greater London Council. Nicholas Snowman, director of the South Bank Centre, sees Moma as the natural complement to the existing concert halls and Hayward Gallery.

The problem is that Lambeth Council has zoned the Hungerford car park site, on which the Tate would build, as open space in its local plan. The council wants the car park landscaped as part of Jubilee Gardens and any application to build on it may meet fierce resistance. "People don't realise there are 6,000 to 7,000 residents in Waterloo, and the gardens are a valuable amenity," says the spokesman.

For the Tate's Moma proposal, it may just be a question of Bankside or nothing. If so, the main problem will be to overcome the disappointment of those who would like to see the Tate commission an adventurous new building. Yet Sir Norman Foster's new galleries at the Royal Academy have shown how superb modern architecture can be created within the confines of an older building.

In the hands of an avant-garde architect such as Will Alsop or Nigel Coates, the new Bankside could provide a bigger sensation than any wholly new building. Either of them would produce something so spectacular that you could guarantee 20 million visitors in the first year of opening.

OPERA: An irreverent Mozart adaptation does not always hit the dramatic mark

More required than easy laughs

The Magic Flute
Barbican Hall

I heartily approve of heresy, and over the years Travelling Opera has duly provided that with its irreverently free translations and bold scaling-down of some of the great works in the repertoire. With this new and relatively straightforwardly translated production by Peter Knapp of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, however, the company has found a few problems.

Soon after this performance began the realisation dawned that here is a work which needs the scale that Mozart gave it. Grandiosity might not be its principal subject, but it is certainly one of them and needs to be reflected both in what we hear — Mozart's orchestra is here distilled, albeit skilfully, by Richard Balcombe to a mere 13 players — and in what we see. Without it, the dynamics set up by the contrast between private and public sides is severely compromised.

Venetia Davan Wetton's scenery, a collection of ingeniously adaptable aluminium frames, some conveniently hinged, some in the symbolic forms of pyramid and globe, only adds to the sense of emaciation. We need to see a few more reassuringly solid surfaces. I should perhaps stress, however, that when the production finds itself in more intimate spaces it will undoubtedly work far better than it does here.

What is more, the work's crucial balance between humour and seriousness is a more delicate and subtle matter than the programme book's essay perhaps implied. It dogmatically stated that it "must be viewed as an unpretentious entertainment".

Simplicity and clarity are not simple, clear matters. But Knapp's direction, particularly in the first half, too readily resorts to pantomimic cliché — not always helped, it must be said, by some pretty staid acting.

There seems to be missing a certain tenderness, a certain inner, innate understanding of who all these strange, unlikely people really are, at least until Act II, where Mozart's focus becomes clearer anyway.

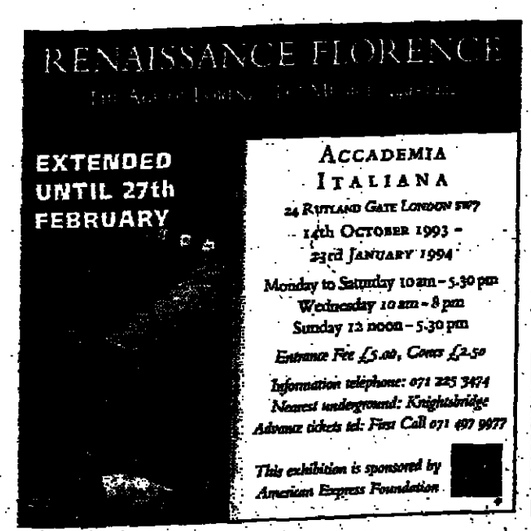
Not all of the singing by the young cast is ideally stylish either. Timothy Robinson's Tamino has much to commend in more relaxed moments, but as if overconscious of having to fill a large space he sometimes pushes his voice too hard and consequently prevents phrases from moulding themselves naturally.

Conversely Linda Clemens's Pamina needs a little more support in the quieter moments: pitch and tone tend to flag, for instance, when she confronts the silent Tamino in Act II. But Richard Morris's Papageno is refreshingly bright and young sounding, and Moira Young makes a lovely Papagena, physically forcing her partner to agree to marriage before she removes her disguise — a nice touch from Knapp.

Alan Fairs's Sarastro is gentle in both voice and mien, while Nicole Tibbels has a fair crack at the vocal pyrotechnics of the Queen of the Night. Tomos Ellis enjoys the dastardliness of Monastatos, sometimes to a hammy fault.

The playing of the small ensemble is crisp, though once or twice rendered inaudible by mistimed or misconceived electronic sound effects. Ian Watson conducts with an intelligent sense of the work's pace, and provides pan-pipe and celeste effects himself on the synthesizer as part of the bargain. Another performance at the Barbican tonight.

STEPHEN PETTITT





WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

THE CAVALCADERS. Opening night for another marvellous play from Billy Roche, set in a cobbler's shop: a man is haunted by the memory of a woman who betrayed him. Dublin's Abbey Theatre production, directed by Robin Lefevre.
Royal Court, Sloane Square SW1 (071-730 1745). Tonight, 7.00pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until Feb 5.

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Alicia de Larrocha, the highly acclaimed veteran Spanish pianist joins the distinguished conductor Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos on Sunday evening for a performance of Mozart's Serenade No 6, K239 *Serenata Notturno* and Piano Concerto No 27 in B flat, K595. Beethoven's Symphony No 7 in A closes the programme.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Sunday, 7.30pm.

PLG YOUNG ARTISTS. The Park Lane Group gets the musical year off to a bracing start with its New Year series of chamber concerts in which outstanding young performers tackle a wide range of new music. This year's featured composers are Nicola Lefanu and Brian Elias, but the lively programming ranges widely across the contemporary repertoire and includes premieres by Jonathan Dove, Hugh Wood and Gavin Thomas.
Purcell Room, South Bank Centre, SE1 (071-928 8800). Saturday until next Thurs, 6.30pm and 8pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM. The magnetic Russian cellist Mstislav Rostropovich is much in demand this weekend as he conducts and is the soloist with **English Chamber Orchestra** this evening and gives a recital in London tomorrow. Tonight's programme includes Haydn (Cello Concerto in C); Boccherini (Cello Concerto in Bb); and Mozart (*Divertimento in D K334*). Works on Saturday are from Beethoven, Bach, Prokofiev and Rachmaninov.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333). Tonight, 8pm. Tomorrow (Rostropovich recital), **Barbican**, Silk Street, London, 7.30pm.

GLASGOW: The two week celebration of **Celtic Connections** kicks off this Sunday with the ever popular folk singer Dick Gaughan in concert with the Scottish harp duo Sileas.
Theatre Royal, Strathclyde Suite, Hope Street (041-332 9000). Sunday, 8pm.

LEEDS: Two performances are on offer this weekend from **Opera North**. Tonight, Paul Daniels conducts a new staging of Britten's blend of spectacle, ceremony and intimacy that is his coronation opera *Gloriana*. Tomorrow, François Rochaix's 1985 production of Verdi's *La Traviata* returns with Michal Shamir singing Violetta; David Maxwell Anderson is Alfredo; Peter Sidhom, Germont père. Jean-Yves Ossonce conducts.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate (0532 459351/440971). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican. The London Group: closes today (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum.** Deities and Devotions: Hindu art; Demon of Painting, Kawanabe Kyosai (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall:** Bruce Chatwin's Photographs (071-928 3002) ... **National Portrait Gallery:** The Portrait Now; Thomas Eakins (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery:** Ken Kiff (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts:** Drawings from the J Paul Getty Museum (071-439 7438) ... **Tate:** Writing on the Wall, women artists; Ben Nicholson: closes Saturday; Turner's Vignettes (071-887 8008) ... **V & A:** 150 Years of the Christmas Card (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

◪ **AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY:** Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife and Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's excellent production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon*.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **THE BFG:** Roald Dahl's Big Friendly Giant makes his seasonally festive call on London. Until Jan 15.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon 7pm, Tue-Fri, 2pm and 7pm; Sat 11am, 2.30pm, 7pm.

◪ **CAROUSEL:** Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein musical extravaganza.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

◪ **A CHRISTMAS CAROL:** Patrick Stewart's one-man version of Dicken's vivid tale is a remarkable tour de force, if less stirring than might be hoped.
Old Vic. Tonight, 7.30pm; tomorrow 2pm and 7.30pm.

□ **JANE EYRE:** Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith in the well-known romantic melodrama. Fay Weldon adapts, Helena Kaut-Howson directs.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat 3pm.

□ **FOREVER PLAID:** Genial and wittily performed homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm (Fri half price) and 8.30pm.

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm.

◪ **ME AND MAMIE O'ROURKE:** French and Saunders in wretchedly lightweight US play about lesbian fantasies.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800).

Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri, Sat 6pm and 8.45pm.

◪ **MEDEA:** Jonathan Kent directs the magnificent Diana Rigg in Euripides's tragedy of a woman's revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm; mat Sat, 5.30pm.

□ **MERRY WIVES.** Barry Rutter brings his Northern Broadsides company - "launched as a vehicle for the Northern Voice" - down south for a rumbustious version of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Till Jan 22.

◪ **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Harold Pinter's production of David Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

□ **ONE MAN:** Electrifying performances by Steven Berkoff in three solo pieces: Poe's Telltale Heart; Actor; and his hilarious, chilling Dog.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

◪ **PIAF.** Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvelous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm.

□ **RELATIVE VALUES:** Susan Hampshire, Sara Crowe and Alison Fiske head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy. Tim Luscombe directs. First seen at Chichester last summer.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **TRUE WEST:** Mark Houghton and Clive Saunders in Grove Studio's revival of Sam Shepard's fratricidal drama. LA, two brothers and a film script.
New End Theatre, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tue-Sat 8.00pm, mat Sun, 5.00pm. Until Jan 30.

◪ **THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA:** The sparkle has faded from David Thacker's touring production, in London for one month.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Till Jan 15.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... ◪ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-580 8845) ... □ **Hot Stuff:** Cambridge (071-494 5040) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium: closes Jan 15 (071-494 5037) ... ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ■ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Women In Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **CARLITO'S WAY** (18): Can Al Pacino's gangster go straight? Lively ethnic-flavoured drama from Brian De Palma, with Sean Penn and Penelope Ann Miller.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

FAREWELL MY CONCUBINE (15): Chen Kaige's Cannes prizewinner: a bumper bundle of dazzling visuals, Peking Opera, and Chinese history. With Leslie Cheung and Gong Li.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

MALICE (15): Alec Baldwin's hot-shot doctor shatters Nicole Kidman and Bill Pulman's New England college town domestic bliss. Shallow, serpentine and stupefying thriller from director Harold Becker.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Marble Arch** (0426-914 501) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

MENACE II SOCIETY (18): Drugs, sex and relentless violence in Los Angeles' black ghetto. Unedifying directing debut by 20-year-old twins, Allen and Albert Hughes.
Electric (071-792 2020) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527)

SURVIVING DESIRE: Three elegant, crisp and airless short films from American independent Hal Hartley, showing during the January season, "New York, No Picnic"
ICA (071-930 3647)

CURRENT

◆ **ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES** (PG): A new baby causes chaos in America's most macabre household. Overblown sequel, with good stretches. With Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston, director, Barry Sonnenfeld.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **ALADDIN** (U): Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations, though Robin Williams' Genie is fun.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

ANOTHER STAKEOUT (PG). Return visit of Richard Dreyfuss and Emilio Estevez's bantering cops: comedy and action for the easily pleased. Director, John Badham. With Dennis Farina and Marcia Strassman as the wealthy crime couple.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

DESPERATE REMEDIES (15): Airless, exhausting high camp from New Zealand. A period tale of love and deceit from Stewart Main, Peter Wells.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

MAC (18). Refreshing, old-fashioned salute to the common man from actor, co-writer and director John Turturro.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

◆ **A PERFECT WORLD** (15): Kevin Costner's criminal on the run with a kidnapped child, and Clint Eastwood in pursuit. Thoughtful if overstretched drama, Eastwood also directs.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE REMAINS OF THE DAY (U): Merchant Ivory's coldly glamorous account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel with Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson.
Curzons: Mayfair (071-465 8865) **West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

◆ **ROBIN HOOD: MEN IN TIGHTS** (PG): Unfunny, outdated Sherwood Forest spoof from Mel Brooks with Patrick Stewart and Tracey Ullman.
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Top of the Pops in all its horror: "Just clock the studio audiences. Over half are wearing cardigans, and quite clearly last danced at Butlins"

It's the numbed one, it's TOTP!

Caitlin Moran knows why *Top of the Pops* has gone down the tubes — it has forgotten how to provide good old Family Entertainment



And in the beginning, God said let there be Light ... Entertainment. And lo! there was *The Likely Lads*, and pointlessly dumb quiz shows, and half a dozen projects involving Bruce Forsyth and revolving sets and herds of dancers in spangly leotards. Then, after a cigarette and a cup of tea, God said: "Oh yeah, and let there be *Top of the Pops* also. Something to get Tony Blackburn out of the house on a Thursday night." And pow! It was done: the toppermost, poppermost music show stumbled into being.

What *Top of the Pops* detractors over the years have failed to realise is that the show *was* Light Entertainment — it was *simple, straightforward family* viewing. There was T Rex for the kids, Neil Sedaka for the mums, and the gauche glitter of rumpy-pumptresses Pan's People for the dads. It was cosy tack for *everyone*, and the viewing *figures flourished. The producers* seemed to be blithely unaware that any such thing as a teenager existed — just clock the studio audiences of the time. Over half are wearing cardigans, and quite clearly last danced at Butlins in *Skegness. The presenters are* all wearing wigs that look like a small animal has fastened its teeth to their scalps, and appear as if they would be equally at ease introducing Tommy Trinder at a Royal Variety Performance. One or two of them *look like Tommy* Trinder at a Royal Variety Performance.

Watching last Tuesday's tribute to *Top of the Pops* on BBC1, it seemed that presenting *TOTP* was a disc jockey's equivalent to being sent to the *Siberian salt mines. From the slightly* pained look on John Peel's face, one gathers he would have much preferred a pick, a bucket and a stout set of thermal underwear. Gnome-like men, who spent most of their time scuttling around the gloom-struck subterranean labyrinths of Broadcasting House, clutching Bachman-Turner Overdrive LPs under their arms, were suddenly thrust in front of *bright lights* and an audience hopelessly mugging to camera, and asked to introduce twisted, perverse, weird things like David Bowie, *Deep Purple* and The Bay City Rollers. Some of them retaliated in odd ways. From January 1984 through to June 1986, Mike Read wore a series of jackets imbued with such undeniable *sparkliness* that some viewers had to *wear sunglasses, to avoid retina damage.* Bruno Brooks rebelled by keeping audiences guessing about the origin of his accent. Was it New York? Was it California? Or was it just the hyped-up dialect of someone from a very dull part of Surrey?

Being restricted purely to Top 30 records, a lot of well-marketed dross dribbled into the *TOTP* studios; but there were fairly frequent storms and flashes of genius — every generation throws its heroes up the pop charts. In the 1970s, the lizard-like spangle-queens Bryan Ferry, Marc Bolan and the aforementioned David Bowie oozed into a million confused adolescents' lives via TOTP, and suddenly everything became very clear and simple. Life consisted of the make-up counter at Boots, the skyscraper-heeled rack of shoes at Dolcis, and nights spent in front of the mirror with a tennis *racket and the door* securely locked. Likewise, in the 1980s, Morrissey whooping and writhing while Johnny Marr studiously *chewed gum, or the genius of* Bananarama doing anything at all, became mini instruction manuals on How To Be Really Cool. That these people got on the programme, and proceeded to be Cool in a variety of odd *outfits, while your parents were watch*ing and tutting, made it all the more deliciously subversive.

But then, in the late 1980s and early 1990s, things started going wrong. *Top of the Pops* suddenly forgot that it was *Light Entertainment*, and decided it was Yoof TV. The amiably bopping cardigans in the studio audience were replaced by togs that looked like they'd just stepped out of the fitting rooms in Hyper Hyper, and the masterfully inane *Radio 1 DJs* were swept out with the big broom of Change. In their place, a gaggle of hyperventilating *DEF II*-style prodigies was drafted in — young, well-dressed, annoying. Ratings, which had been sliding, slid a little more. Parents didn't watch the show anymore. The Kids on the Street stopped watching it, as the charts were half-filled with thirtysomething MOR, and the other half with the more accessible end of Techno music, which is primarily designed to be listened to in a club painted dark and lit up bright at three in the morning. In trying to take all of these wildly differing genres and make them all look flashy and slick and vibrant, the *TOTP* producers had targeted an audience that didn't really care to watch anyway. TOTP has lost its Light Entertainment roots.

Still, it refuses to cough its last and keel over backwards. It has a hard-core *following of people who wallow in its* eternally essential tackiness. The proof that *TOTP* is still great came recently with Dutch chart-toppers 2 Unlimited, consisting of Bubbly Girl Singer and Sullen Male Partner. *She* threw herself all over the stage, emoted to camera and warbled off-key like a continental Shirley Temple, clearly *giving her all* in a fetching outfit seemingly stitched from sweet-wrappers; *he* sulked in baggy jeans in the background, prod*ding at a keyboard. Verse, chorus and* verse sped by at 230 beats a minute.

As the Dutch diva started miming the butterfly stroke, it became clear some kind of climax was being reached — a feeling confirmed when *he* came *out of the shadows* and walked to the front of the stage, taking a microphone with him. Tension rose as he waited for his partner to finish a complicated stroke and cue him in for his star part: which consisted of muttering, "Techno techno techno techno". Said task completed, he morosely prodded at his keyboard, just as the backing tape broke to the drum solo, *sans* any keyboards at all. Marvellous.

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Young, gifted and beyond the pale

Alan Jackson on why so many black British artists are few-hit wonders — and what is being done to change the status quo







The changing face of black British pop — but can a sensitive singer-songwriter such as Des'ree succeed where Five Star (from left, Stedman, Lorraine, Deniece, Doris and Delroy Pearson) failed?

During the aspirational mid-1980s, I recall a Sunday supplement photograph of the family group Five Star, "relaxing" in the gaudy splendour of their home in Romford, Essex. The five Pearson siblings — Lorraine, Doris and Deniece, Stedman and Delroy — were shown sitting stiffly in their mock Louis XIV drawing-room, Chris Eubank-like expressions of hauteur rendering their pretty faces cold, empty of life. On the walls behind them, oil paintings showed each of the five in similarly chilly poses.

My initial reflex — unworthy and self-revealing — was to recall the apocryphal comment of a visitor to Ike and Tina Turner's Tennessee mansion: "Who would have thought it was possible to spend a million dollars in Woolworth's?"

It was entirely apt and of the moment for the group — managed, inevitably, by their father Buster, himself the one-time leader of a vocal group called The Links — to style itself as nouveau aristocracy. During the three-and-a-bit years between May 1985 and August 1988, there was no more prominent native group on the UK charts; 16 infuriatingly catchy and well-performed hit singles, 12 of them making the Top 20.

The flashy, automaton-like dance routines (learnt by repeatedly freeze-framing Michael Jackson's steps on video), the glitzy, self-designed stage costumes, the giving-until-it-hurts professionalism ... never before had an English group dedicated itself so completely or successfully to re-creating the showbiz magic first assembled in the recording studios and rehearsal halls of Detroit, Philadelphia and Hollywood.

Which is why, for that brief while, it seemed as if Five Star would succeed where all others before and since have failed, by becoming British pop's first authentic black superstars. They weren't alone in trying, of course. Just as at any time in the 1960s or 1970s, there were many others in competition, all of them talented and capable of setting tills ringing: a flick through the *Guinness Book Of British Hit Singles* is all it takes to establish the commerciality of contemporaries like Loose Ends, Junior Giscombe, Princess or Jaki Graham.

But neither they nor, in the end, Five Star, could challenge consistently the white supremacy that is an established fact of British popular music. Furthermore, when the Pearsons' dreams came crashing down amid rumours of financial disarray, there was an unseemly glee to the tabloid reporting. "What made them think they could even try?" was the barely suppressed subtext.

Must our soul stars always be imported though? Are we never to produce a Diana or a Whitney, a Michael or a Marvin? Back in 1986, in a provocative article cover-lined "Why British black music doesn't stand a chance", writer Paolo Hewitt argued that there is an inherent racism within our recording industry that militates against the creation of black superstars. In support of his theory, he offered a telling quote from Spartacus R, a member of Osibisa during the 1970s.

"Black artists are not encouraged to be creative, but to be commercial. You must have a song that the company can market immediately, and so earn themselves a whole pile of cash. Then you must go come up with another one ... They will market the artist rather than the record only if they're white. Otherwise when they've finished selling the product, they're finished selling the person who made it. That's the traditional way with black music."

Seven years on, it remains hard to doubt him. Although the airwaves have diversified in the interim, with legitimate status accorded to specialist stations like Kiss, mainstream radio remains resistant to such staple black forms as dance, house, reggae, ragga and rap. Examples of these genres which do break through to a wider public do so almost in the form of novelty records — "What's My Name?" and "That's How I'm Livin'", by the controversial Snoop Doggy Dogg and Ice-T respectively, are in the current charts, for example.

Franchises with predominantly white appeal prefer to playlist black acts with far tamer agendas: "A Whole New World" by Peabo Bryson and Regina Belle, say, or Janet Jackson's "Again". And, of course, it should come as no surprise that all of these performers are American. "I feel there's a tendency to feel that, historically, black music forms hail from the US and that, therefore, their performers do them best," says 25-year-old Des'ree, a South Londoner and one of a raft of gifted young artists working to change the status quo.

She realises, though, that re-educating the music industry and consequently the public to realise that imported music is no more authentic than the home-grown product is not a solution. Spartacus R was right in pinpointing the differing attitudes that prevail within record companies towards white and black signings. Despite hearing such recent hits as "Julia" or "Both Sides Of The Story" on the radio, casual listeners might be hard-pressed to name them, or the artists with their names on the label.

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The prolonged support given to each singer by their labels in the early days will mean that most people would be able instantly to recognise the voices of Chris Rea and Phil Collins. No such easy familiarity with young black British talent like Mica Paris or Incognito though. Those same casual listeners might well be able to whistle recent releases by such artists note for note, but could they correctly identify their voices on other, unfamiliar material? Not a hope.

Artist development is the crucial factor, Des'ree knows: "Talent has to be nurtured and developed, promoted and pushed, black or white. It takes time and money to take an artist to the point where a fickle public hears their name, knows what it can expect and that it'll like it. Everyone deals with prejudice of one kind or another in their life, but it is hard for black British artists — we have to work twice as hard. Yet attitudes are changing ... it's just a matter of time, and we're prepared to do whatever it takes."

Her own brand of thoughtful, literate pop, best known via the 1992 hit "Feel So High", should have given her a head start. "I've been careful to make sure people realise I'm a songwriter first and foremost, not just the typical good-looking black girl standing in front of two white guys playing synthesisers," she says.

As such, she is working in the same singer-songwriter genre — one that the industry is altogether more comfortable with when it comes to investment — as the aggressively marketed Tasmin Archer or the respected but commercially under-achieving Joan Armatrading who, since her emergence with "Love and Affection" in 1976, has remained the closest to a black pop aristocrat Britain has yet produced.

Will Des'ree break the mould? A new album, due for release in March, may hold the answer. Meanwhile, she laughs when revealing that she starts each day with a personal mantra included in the lyrics to "You Gotta Be"; her forthcoming single: "Be bad, be bold, be wiser. Be hard, be tough, be stronger. Be cool, be calm and stay together ... 'cos love will save the day." As she repeats this to me, I can't help thinking back to an interview I conducted with Five Star in 1989. The Pearsons were then only recently installed in a vast mock-Tudor mansion in Sunningdale, Berkshire.

Even though several of the band had yet to pass their driving tests, a stable of luxury cars — Lambourghinis, Porsches and the like — filled the gravelled yard. A lavishly-equipped home recording studio had been built. Everywhere there were conspicuous displays of wealth.

Already though, they were facing evidence of their fading popularity. It had been a year since the last Top 40 hit; newer, younger faces were filling the pages of *Smash Hits*; soon they would leave Britain altogether for a failed attempt at stardom in America. "In five years' time we'll be the biggest group in the world," one of them boasted.

I wanted to believe them but couldn't — this despite the straggle of loyal fans waiting in the rain outside the estate's electronic gates. In eschewing the trappings of fame and concentrating on the music, positive-thinking Des'ree and her contemporaries have the sounder attitude, the better chance of being elevated to British pop's equivalent of the House of Windsor. After all, and as the woman herself says, it's just a matter of time.

NEW ALBUMS

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

Musicians and critics talk of transgressing boundaries, but in reality, most music voluntarily adheres to well-defined, self-imposed rules. When, therefore, an exception appears — and especially one that meanders with the stylistic serendipity of Jam & Spoon's *Tripomatic Fairytales* — then accusations of commercial cynicism start to fly.

Already written off in Germany as millionaire fatcats who have deserted the underground dance scene for mainstream glory, this congenial duo from Frankfurt have little to offer by way of defence. Yes, *Tripomatic Fairytales* does contain the flamenco Euro-pop of "Right In the Night" alongside tracks that sound like forgotten moments from *The Old Grey Whistle Test* in its mellow rock phase. Mark Spoon and Jam-El-Mar both shrug. There was no conscious decision to record a song that would sweep the discos of teenage Europe. Sometimes the music comes out sounding like Stockhausen and sometimes it's custom built for the Costa Del Sol. All very unpredictable, really.

This two-album release also jumps from Japan pastiches to New Age ragga, dropping hints of Giorgio Moroder and Erik Satie along the way. Spoken interludes and psychedelic audio games are interleaved between hard trance tracks and dreamy instrumentals. If any new release can revive the forgotten social phenomenon of couples listening to records on twin headphone rigs, then this is it.

The Jam & Spoon partnership began as a remixing team in Germany but made its mark on the UK pop charts with a two-chord ambient instrumental entitled "Stella". Having launched the first ambient club in Germany and participated in the pop-dance success of Logic Records, Jam & Spoon have set an example for other musicians. Forget sectarianism, simply follow your noses.

DAVID TOOP

PAPA'S CULTURE
Papa's Culture; But ...
(Elektra, 7559-61432-2)
SAN Francisco's Bay area has been the site of many unlikely musical revivals and fusions, some of which reflect the nature of the city by incorporating world music, jazz, reggae and funk influences. Think of Tower of Power, for example, or, more recently, the likes of Fishbone and the Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy.

As their name suggests, Papa's Culture are no exception. Basically a duo of vocalist E. Blake Davis and musician Harley White, the band fleshes out an amalgam of hip allusions with the help of 20 other musicians. Blake has described the project as a "Bob Marley, Tom Waits, Steely Dan thing", but that is not the whole story.

At times, this impressive debut album simultaneously benefits and suffers from a workshop feel. Recorded on a relatively low budget and played with old-fashioned, uninhibited looseness, the music thrives, clearly, in an atmosphere of shared references and humour. The instrumentation is adventurous, ranging from a small string section to Afro-Latin percussion, bass clarinet and harmonica. With the exception of a few artfully placed samples taken from sources such as Charles Mingus, John Coltrane and the British-Asian singer, Najma, *Papa's Culture, But ...* sounds live, acoustic and informal.

As with all informal ventures, some editing might have helped. "Muffin Man" and "Toes" pass by at a dangerously early stage in the proceedings without making much impact. But when White's urbane chords and unusual arrangements gel with Blake's surreal, blissful lyrics, as they do on "Swim", "Sometimes", "Top 40" and "Put Me Down", then Papa's Culture settle confidently into their own genre of easy listening, hipster pop.

To add to the potential, Blake writes with an esoteric wit that could grow out of Waits's shadow in time. Not everybody will be amused by lines such as "Reading the Bible with his own guru, he used to sing lead with Black Uhuru ... Afro comb, ten phones, on tour with the Rolling Stones", but that, surely, is the point.

NEW ALBUMS: Something fab stirs again in the heart of San Francisco

Bob, Tom and the Dan come home to Papa



Papa's Culture — Harley White (left) and Papa Blake — take the best of the past and repackage it for the future

VARIOUS ARTISTS
Soundtrack to
A Perfect World
(Reprise, 9362-45516-2)
AS A general rule, feature film soundtracks compiled from old pop songs represent little more than the cynical hard sell of music publishers bent on squeezing more life from their catalogues. Clint Eastwood, the director and co-star of *A Perfect World*, has higher standards, however, and a love of both country music and jazz permeates many of his films.

With *A Perfect World* set in 1963, the soundtrack offered a golden opportunity to bring together an impeccable set of cross-over hits from one of the most interesting periods in country music history. Chris Isaak, who is, in some ways, the contemporary equivalent of a Don Gibson or Hank Locklin (although more of a sex symbol), helped with the selection process and contributed his own versions of two songs.

In their mix of mysterious celestial imagery, bordering on kitsch, Ned Miller's "Dark Moon" and Johnny Ray's "The Little White Cloud That Cried" could have been written for Isaak anyway; he sings both with melancholy reverence, adding subtle country touches that are completely convincing.

Except for the exuberant Western swing of "Ida Red" by Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys, the remaining tracks are sung by men who are depressed about something. Locklin is suffering pious misgivings about having an affair. Gibson is miserable about infidelity in "Blue Blue Day", and comprehensively distraught in "Sea of Heartbreak", while Johnny Cash wallows in the pain of lost love.

George Hamilton IV waxes nostalgic over Abilene (where the women don't treat you mean), and "Don't Worry" has Marty Robbins offering a front of bravado mixed with a generous helping of self-pity to the woman who is about to leave him.

In his interpretation of Willy Nelson's "Night Life", one of the most evocative songs of self-destructive melancholia ever written, Rusty Draper speaks for a generation, perhaps, with the immortal line: "Life is just another scene from this old world of broken dreams." So much for traditional family values.

Only Perry Como manages to keep his chin up, although "Catch A Falling Star" is, arguably, the textbook example of the era's misplaced optimism.

Plenty of material for a sociologist, then, but for the casual listener all this misery turns out to be uplifting stuff. Concluding with a slow Cajun number written by Eastwood and the big theme composed, in *Big Country* style, by Lennie Niehaus, this could be one of the most popular soundtrack albums of the coming year.

VARIOUS ARTISTS
Time Warp Dub Clash
(Mango CIDM 1105)
DUB was a studio technique developed during the late 1960s and early 1970s by a Jamaican studio engineer named King Tubby. Working with reggae songs recorded on multi-track tape, Tubby fashioned powerful, spacious soundscapes from his source materials by muting vocals and dropping instruments in and out of the mix after treating them with echo and other effects.

An undersung career, during which he recorded or creatively enhanced most of the reggae greats, ended when he was shot dead in 1989. His invention lives on, however, and dub has become a near essential component of music in the 1990s. This collection capitalises on the current fashionability of dub, partly by reissuing a compilation released some years ago as *Raiders of the Lost Dub* and partly by adding another nine tracks from the new school of UK-based roots revivalists.

With the bulk of the earlier tracks given over to productions by Sly Dunbar and Robbie Shakespeare, rather than dub pioneers such as Tubby or Lee Perry, the pyrotechnic, effects-laden style of early 1980s dub tends to dominate the first half of this album. The inclusion of gems such as "The Dub Of Gold" by the Viceroys means that this hardly matters. More recent recordings by artists such as Mad Professor or Alpha & Omega generate mixed feelings among dub followers for reviving or building upon a form of music-making that was at its height nearly 20 years ago. Their motives are sincere, however, and, at best, their records approach the depth of their mentors.

DAVID TOOP

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Everything Changes	Take That (RCA)
2	So Close	Dina Carroll (A&M)
3	Bat Out Of Hell II — Back Into Hell	Meat Loaf (Virgin)
4	So Far So Good	Bryan Adams (A&M)
5	Music Box	Mariah Carey (Columbia)
6	One Woman — The Ultimate Collection	Diana Ross (EMI)
7	Both Sides	Phil Collins (Virgin)
8	Elegant Slumming	M People (deConstruction)
9	End Of Part One	Wet Wet Wet (Precious)
10	The One Thing	Michael Bolton (Columbia)

Compiled by MRIB

SEVEN DAYS

WHAT'S OUT & ABOUT

SINGLE of the week: Not! Team one under-dressed trouper with a pair of pyromaniac teenagers. Give them a 1960s chestnut to maul. Hey presto! A novelty hit. "Cher's behind **Beavis and Butthead** on 'I Got You Babe'" reads the current poster campaign — an excuse for yet another depiction of the veteran diva's fishnet-clad derrière. And the new partners of a woman who has already recorded with Sonny Bono, Gregg Allman and Meat Loaf? Why, MTV's controversial cartoon retards.

VIDEO of the week: Not! Tepid rapper **Marky Mark** is in town, so expect to see him on every telly spot going, including Tuesday's "On The Bed With Paula" (*The Big Breakfast*, Channel 4, 8.50am approx). This time he's flogging his very own workout tape. The man recently dropped from the Calvin Klein underwear advertisements threatens that you too can have a body just like his.

HUNKS of the week: Following in the twinkle-toed footsteps of Take That, East 17, Bad Boys Inc, Worlds Apart et al come America's EYC. Three boys, two white and one black. Lots of flashy dance moves. A tendency to lose their shirts the moment they spot a camera. Could go far.

ELDER statesman of the week: It was a good 1993 for **Sting**. He rediscovered his sense of humour and won platinum sales, a Mercury Prize nomination and widespread critical praise for the gruesomely titled LP *Ten Summoner's Tales*. Next week's series of Albert Hall appearances (from Tuesday onwards, telephone 071-589 8212) is designed to showcase that album, but expect a generous helping of earlier solo and Police-era hits.

COMEBACK of the week: The only man to make the weekly chart countdown sound a matter of life and death, **Alan "Fluff" Freeman** has been lured from retirement to present the mammoth 52-part *Story Of Pop* (Radio 1, Tuesday, 9pm, and then weekly).

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Council cannot rely on directive

Wychavon District Council v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

Before Mr Justice Turner

[Judgment December 16]

A district council was not an individual for the purposes of Community law and could not rely on the provisions of an EC Directive unimplemented by UK legislation as against a private individual.

Mr Justice Turner so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division in refusing an application brought by Wychavon District Council to quash the decision of an inspector, appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment, to allow an appeal by Velcourt Ltd from the refusal by the council of planning permission for the erection of poultry houses for broiler production and dwellings for agricultural workers at Throckmorton Airfield, Hereford.

Mr Timothy Jones and Miss Susan Belgrave for the council; Mr Gerald Barling, QC and Mr David Elvin for the secretary of state; Mr Harry Wolton, QC and Mr Becket Bedford for Velcourt Ltd.

MR JUSTICE TURNER said that in the original application, which was in outline only, Velcourt had not specified the number of birds which were intended to be reared at any one time.

There was a supporting document, however, in the form of a questionnaire to which Velcourt had replied that the application related to the raising of 350,000 poultry a year in the development. It later transpired that that was a serious and mistaken underestimate.

In a document which came into existence in about October 1990, it emerged that the true anticipated annual throughput of poultry was 1.25 million birds. That had led the council to submit to the inspector that the appeal which he was hearing related to a fresh application.

If that submission was upheld, it would have meant that the fresh application was made subsequent to the date of the commencement of the Town and Country Planning (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations (SI 1988 No 1199) made pursuant to Directive 85/337/EEC and was therefore caught by them.

The questions for the court were, *inter alia*,

1 Could a local planning authority in its capacity as respondent to an appeal from the refusal of planning permission made to it, (a) seek to enforce a directive if otherwise it was directly enforceable or (b) enforce such a directive against a private individual as opposed to a party which was an emanation of the state?

(1)(a) The general principle was that directives having direct effect could not be relied upon by any party as against a party which was not itself an emanation of the state. There could be no question that a private limited company, as was the second respondent, was not a party against which a directive of the required characteristic could be enforced.

The council submitted that where the provisions of an unimplemented directive were unconditional and sufficiently precise, the material provisions of the directive prevailed over national law or non-conforming legislation.

It was further submitted that the doctrine of direct effect applied to the courts of member states and consequently it could impose additional burdens on private persons.

Had the inspector done as the council contended he should, that would have amounted to the imposition of obligations on Velcourt, a private individual, in conformity with the directive and in a manner inconsistent with the express terms of the measure by which that directive was intended to be implemented by the United Kingdom Government.

(1)(b) While it was accepted by the district council that it was for some purposes an "emanation of the state", it was not accepted that in its role as applicants in the present application it could properly be so characterised.

That submission involved the novel proposition that while as a planning authority, and as such an emanation of the state, for the purposes of the original application, the council was not to be treated as occupying that role for the purposes of the present application. It was said that its role was to act for the promotion of the interests of the inhabitants of its area: see section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972. As such, it was to be treated as though it was an individual.

In his Lordship's judgment, the council was not an individual for the purposes of Community law and could not rely upon the provisions of an unimplemented directive as against an individual.

The council endeavoured to surmount the difficulty that the directive was not directly enforceable by arguing that the regulations should be construed, so far as possible so as to come within the requirements of the directive.

The immediate problem which that approach threw up was that the regulations were quite specific as to their commencement date. No amount of interpretation could overcome that obstacle. There was thus no scope for the introduction of the principle of indirect effect.

Since the original application pre-dated July 15, the requirements of that regulation could not have been met. The council then argued that when an inspector was hearing an appeal after that date, he was nevertheless bound to apply regulation 11(2) to an appeal which was heard after that date. In his Lordship's judgment that argument could be dismissed.

Solicitors: Mr Ian Marshall, Pershore; Treasury Solicitor; Shawcross & Co.

Deciding damages for shallow pool

Ruxley Electronics and Construction Ltd v Forsyth
Laddingford Enclosures Ltd v Same

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Mann

[Judgment December 16]

It was not unreasonable, where a swimming pool had been constructed to a depth less than that contracted for, to award as damages the costs of the rebuilding necessary to make good the breach of contract, even though the shortfall in the depth had not decreased the value of the pool.

The Court of Appeal, by a majority, Lord Justice Dillon dissenting, so held in a reserved judgment in allowing an appeal by the defendant, Mr Stephen Forsyth, against a judgment of Judge Diamond, QC, at Central London county court, in two consolidated actions by the plaintiffs, Ruxley Electronics and Construction Ltd and Laddingford Enclosures Ltd.

Mr William Batstone for the defendant; Mr Bryan McGuire for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that in 1987 the defendant lived in a house near Cranbrook in Kent. He wished to have a swimming pool in the garden and he obtained quotations from Ruxley Electronics and Construction Ltd, for the pool, and Laddingford Enclosures Ltd, for a building, largely of transparent material, to enclose it. Both companies were controlled by Mr Philip Hall.

The contract for the pool was concluded in June 1987 in the sum of £38,564. There had been sums paid on account and agreed credits, after which Ruxley sued in the present action for the balance of the price amounting to £9,113. It was an express term of the contract that the maximum depth of water should be seven feet six inches.

The contract for the enclosure was concluded in October 1987 for the sum of £31,613. After certain agreed credits the balance claimed in the action was £29,959.

In March 1989, after the work had been completed, the defendant discovered that the maximum depth of water in the pool was not seven feet six inches but six feet nine inches, and that at the point where the depth was required for diving purposes it was only six feet.

It was accepted that the failure to provide the required depth was a breach of contract on the part of Ruxley, but at the trial before the judge the defendant on his counterclaim recovered no damages for that breach, save only for the sum of £2,500, which the judge described as general damages for the loss of pleasure and amenity suffered and to be suffered by the defendant.

In any case of damage to a building or a chattel, or of breach of contract whereby it did not have the characteristics specified, there were potentially two available methods of measuring the loss. In each case the object was to place the injured party in the same position as if the contract had been performed, in so far as money could achieve that result. The two methods were (i) the difference in value and (ii) the cost of restoration.

The difference in value method was available, and would often be appropriate, when the building or chattel which had been damaged, or did not answer to the contract, was of a kind that was commonly available. In such a case the cheapest way to make good the loss would often be to sell the building or chattel in question and buy another. The difference in value method sought to reflect the financial consequences of such a notional transaction. An example of that method was *Munelly v Calcon Ltd* ([1978] IR 387).

By contrast, the difference in value method might be inadequate when the loser's building or chattel had some unique quality and so could not be replaced, as in *Hollebone v Midhurst & Fernhurst Builders Ltd* ([1968] 1 Lloyd's Rep 38).

There was no evidence to show that the defendant's house was unique or that he had a particular need to live at Cranbrook, rather than anywhere else that a similar house could be found with a proper swimming pool.

So it might be thought that his claim was for the difference in value rather than the cost of rectification. But it was clear that the cost of moving house would exceed the sum of £21,560 needed to replace the swimming pool.

It might be thought that that was enough to enable him to recover the cost of a new pool, but it was said that there were two further requirements before he could recover that or any amount as special damages for the pool's lack of depth: he had to show at trial that (i) he intended to rebuild the pool and (ii) it was reasonable for him to do so.

The defendant had now offered an undertaking to renew the pool if he recovered damages based on the cost of doing so but, in his Lordship's judgment, that was unnecessary.

The defendant had suffered a loss: he had a swimming pool which was less suited to diving than the one he contracted for. What money would place him in the same situation as if the contract had been performed? The answer, on the facts, was the cost of replacing the pool. Otherwise a builder of swimming pools needed never to perform his contract.

It was unreasonable of a plaintiff to claim an expensive remedy, if there was some cheaper alternative which would make good his loss. But if there was no alternative course which would provide what he required, or none which would cost less, he was entitled to the cost of repair or reinstatement even if that was very expensive.

His Lordship would therefore award £21,560 as damages to the defendant against Ruxley, to be deducted from the balance of the price, while setting aside the existing award of £2,500.

Lord Justice Mann delivered a concurring judgment.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON, dissenting, said that the judge held that an award of £21,560 would be wholly disproportionate to the disadvantage of having a pool whose maximum depth was six feet at the relevant point, as opposed to seven feet six inches, and that it would be unreasonable for the defendant to carry out the work of replacing the existing one with a new, deeper pool at such a cost. That was the crux of the appeal.

It was submitted that the requirement that reinstatement should be reasonable if the cost of reinstatement was sought as damages only arose in the context of mitigation of damages.

Therefore, it was submitted that the requirement was irrelevant in the present case where there was no alternative course by way of mitigation and the choice was between full reinstatement and leaving the defendant with the inferior pool.

Reasonableness lay at the heart of the doctrine of mitigation of damages. But that was not the only impact of the concept of reasonableness on the law of damages.

If the evidence had been that the value of the pool as constructed was less than the value of a pool as contracted for, but that the loss of value was substantially less than the £21,560 cost of reinstatement, then, given the finding that the pool as constructed was still deep enough to be perfectly safe to dive into, the obvious course would have been to award the defendant the loss of value. The basis of that would have reasonableness. He had no absolute right to be awarded the cost of reinstatement.

There was no reason why if there had been no loss in value he should automatically become entitled to the cost of reinstatement however high. That would be a wholly unreasonable conclusion in law.

Accordingly his Lordship agreed with the judge's approach and would have dismissed the appeal.

Solicitors: Woolley Bevis & Diplock, Brighton; Braunstein & Co.

Insurance ombudsman cannot be reviewed

Regina v Insurance Ombudsman Bureau and Another, Ex parte Aegon Life Assurance Ltd

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice McKinnon

[Judgment December 16]

The Insurance Ombudsman Bureau was a body whose powers were entirely derived from contract and which could not be said to exercise government functions and was thus not susceptible to judicial review.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application, by Aegon Life Assurance Ltd, for judicial review of decisions against them by the insurance ombudsman, on the ground that the bureau (IOB) was not a body susceptible to judicial review.

Mr Nigel Pleming, QC and Mr Richard Gordon for the applicant; Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Mark Shaw for the IOB.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that the IOB was one of at least ten separate schemes which provided within the financial services sector for the resolution of disputes between those who provided financial services and members of the public.

Many of those schemes were set up as a result of the Financial Services Act 1986 but the IOB was established in 1981. Its only powers were those conferred by contract over member companies. Membership was voluntary and could be terminated by the member on six months notice.

Under section 10 of the 1986 Act the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) was recognised by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry as a self-regulating organisation regulating the carrying on of investment business from "a day" (April 29, 1988).

Since "a day" Lautro had recognised the IOB as performing a complaints investigation function for the purposes of paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 2 to the Act.

Companies which were members of both Lautro and the IOB were subject to the jurisdiction of both but the subject matter of the respective jurisdictions was not the same. Lautro encouraged but did not compel its members to join the IOB. Membership of Lautro and the IOB and the work done by each was far from identical.

All the policies presently the subject of dispute were entered into between 1985 and 1987, that was, before "a day" but the complaints were all made after "a day".

In his Lordship's judgment, it was necessary to consider only three authorities: *R v Panel on Takeovers and Mergers, Ex parte Datafin* ([1987] QB 815), *R v Jockey Club, Ex parte Aga Khan* ([1993] 1 WLR 909) and *R v Lloyd's of London, Ex parte Briggs* ([1993] 1 Lloyds Rep 176).

It did not necessarily follow that because the regulatory decisions of Lautro were susceptible to judicial review (see *R v Lautro, Ex parte Ross* ([1993] QB 17) the decisions of bodies set up by Lautro pursuant to its regulatory powers were likewise susceptible. Still less did it follow that the decisions of a body set up prior to the existence of Lautro, albeit subsequently recognised under the Lautro rules in accordance with Lautro's statutory obligations was so susceptible.

The foundations of IOB, initially, conspicuously lacked any trace of governmental underpinning. It was a free standing independent body whose jurisdiction was dependent on the contractual consent of its members. It provided an alternative means of dispute resolution outside the courts for members of the public who chose to use it in relation to insurance companies who were members.

His Lordship was unable to accept that the Act directly or indirectly changed the character of IOB's foundations or altered the source of its power.

Since the Act, as before, the public did not have to use the ombudsman. They could instead sue insurers in the courts. If they went before the ombudsman in many cases their prospects of success would be better.

Likewise for insurers, membership was not obligatory. Those who chose to be members ran a greater risk of an adverse decision if complaint was made to the ombudsman than if the case were decided in the courts by reference to strictly legal principles.

IOB's power over its members was still, despite the Act, solely derived from contract and it simply could not be said that it exercised government functions.

In a nutshell, even if it could be said that the IOB had now been woven into a governmental system, the source of its power was still contractual, its decisions were of an arbitrative nature in private law and those decisions were not, save very remotely, supported by any public law sanction.

In the light of all those factors IOB was not a body susceptible to judicial review.

Mr Justice McKinnon agreed.

Solicitors: Freshfields; Paisner & Co.

VAT assessment was valid

House v Commissioners of Customs and Excise

Before Mr Justice May

[Judgment December 10]

A letter and schedules attached to or accompanying a notice of assessment for value-added tax which did not itself set out the periods of assessment to which it related, but where those were identifiable from the accompanying material, was a valid notice and the duties so claimed were accordingly properly due.

Mr Justice May, so held in the Queen's Bench Division when refusing the appeal of P. J. House, trading as P. & J. Autos, against a decision of the London VAT Tribunal of December 12, 1991 that a notification of assessment dated June 4, 1990, a letter dated June 24, 1990 and three schedules of assessment accompanying that letter, gave rise to an enforceable obligation to pay value-added tax on cars sold which had previously been used for demonstration purposes.

Mr Roderick Cardaro for the appellant; Mr Guy Sankey, QC, for the commissioners.

MR JUSTICE MAY said that the schedules explained in complete and reasonably straightforward detail how the figure was calculated, broken down into schedules, but nowhere stated as a single figure the tax assessed as due for each or any, prescribed accounting period.

Having referred to the relevant legislation and decided cases, his Lordship said the notification was not deficient in form so as to give rise to an unenforceable obligation to pay.

Although the commissioners chose to use printed forms headed "Notice of Assessment" there was no magic about such forms. They were not required by statute or regulation which prescribed no particular formality at all.

All that was required was that the commissioners should make an assessment to the best of their judgment and notify it to the taxpayer.

There seemed no reason why notification should not be given by letter or why that of May 24, 1990 should not be seen as or part of due notification. That letter stated the amount of the assessment and refered to the schedules for the detail of the amounts.

His Lordship did not see why a notification could not be contained in more than one document provided it was clear which it was that contained the notification and that they contained in unambiguous and reasonably clear terms the *substantial minimum* requirements.

The same conclusion would have been reached in the absence of the "Notice of Assessment" altogether since the letter read with the schedules constituted adequate notification.

Solicitors: H. H. Mainprice; Solicitor of Customs and Excise.

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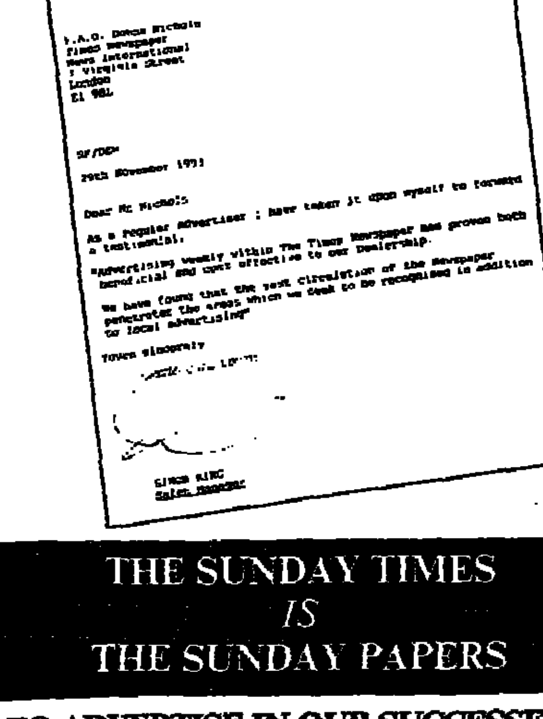
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MOTORING

The moment you realise that the youngster in the back seat is missing

A driver's cautionary tale that could have ended as a New Year road accident statistic

"Simon, have you got your seatbelt on?" said my wife to our son in the back seat of the car as we sped off into the night after a New Year party.

There was no reply. "Simon!" Janet called again, irritated by his silence, as she glanced over her shoulder at the back of the car.

"HE'S NOT THERE!" screamed my wife. "Where is he?"

I broke out in a cold sweat and slammed on the brakes, causing the car behind to swerve to avoid crashing into us. The driver muttered something about "raving idiot" and overtook, unaware of the crisis in our vehicle.

Had our son fallen under the wheels? Was his arm trapped in the door? Were we dragging him behind? We opened the car doors and gingerly looked behind. Thankfully, he was not there.

My next thought was to do a U-turn and speed back to the spot where I had last seen Simon. But we were on a main road and I had to drive another agonising 500 yards to the next roundabout before we could turn around.

My mind was racing. What had happened? I could swear I remembered Simon opening the back door of the car as my wife got into the front passenger seat. Then we had driven off at speed in our new car — the first family outing in the vehicle since we had taken delivery of it on Christmas Eve.

Suddenly it seemed worthless. At that moment, I would have gladly given away my new toy in exchange for the sight of my son, safe and sound.

"You might have run over him and killed him," Janet yelled at me, hysterically.

"For heaven's sake, stay calm," I screamed back. "Whatever has happened, we have to get back quickly to where we last saw him in case he is lying injured in the road. Another car could easily drive over him in the dark."

I was gripped with fear as I drove into the turning where, it seemed, only a few minutes earlier we had been enjoying a family celebration — my headlights full on, trying to pick out the body of my son lying in the road.

"Please, please, God," I prayed silently. "Don't let him be dead..." The thought of his mangled body lying in the gutter having been hit by countless other cars was too much to bear.

I felt faint. Suppose I had killed my son; driven over him or crushed him against a parked car or lamppost as I drove away, unaware that he was not safely in the back seat of the car?

The road was dark and empty. My headlights lit up the trees and parked cars in the lay-bys of the narrow residential road. Fairy-lights twinkled in the windows of a few houses. Some partygoers were still toasting the New Year. Would ours end in tragedy before it had hardly begun?

But there was no ambulance, no crowd of anxious onlookers and no sign of our son...

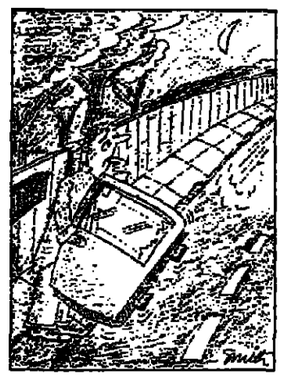
We stopped outside the home of my sister, Carole, where they were still clearing up after the party. I could see faces pressed against the misted glass of the sitting room window. Children were silhouetted in the background. Suddenly the door opened and Simon ran out, ashen-faced. The other children were laughing. They thought it a big joke.

"You drove off without me," he protested. "I couldn't open the car door and had to let go of the handle as you sped off. I banged on the window and bootlid and shouted, but you didn't hear me."

He was in shock, like my wife and myself. In my relief I shouted at him, the tension draining from my arms. "Why didn't you keep up and get into the car when we did?" I ranted. "Why couldn't you open the car door?" I raged. "Do you realise that your mother almost had a heart attack?"

When I finally calmed down, Simon explained what had happened. The car has central locking doors, operated by a small remote-control device on the ignition key ring. I had pressed the "plip" button to open the doors, but apparently the lock on one of the doors had failed to open.

I *had* seen Simon trying to get into the back of the car and when



my wife slammed her door shut had assumed — wrongly — that he was safely settled in the back seat. We had then driven off, leaving him stranded on the pavement.

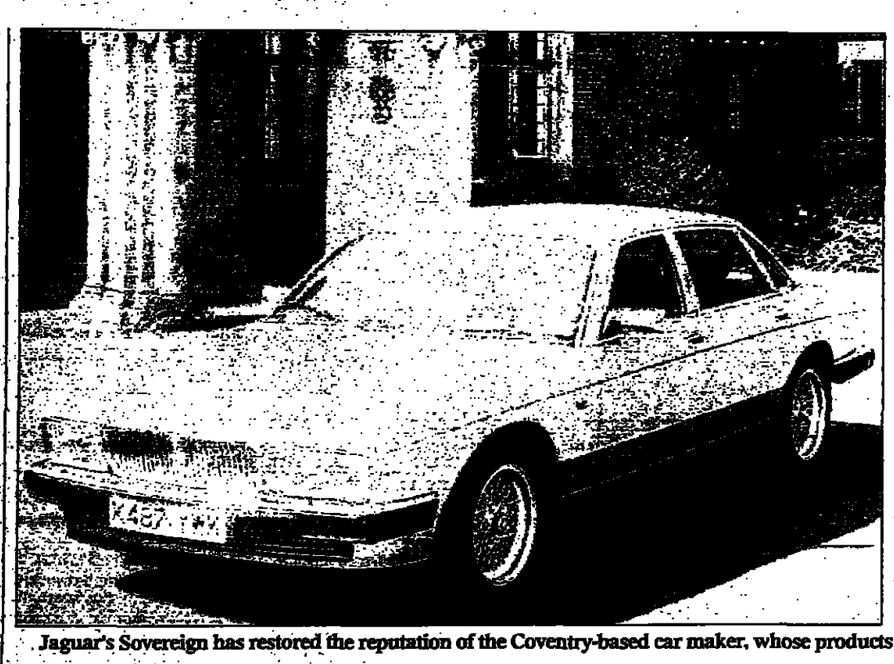
I spoke to some friends with similar remote-control car door locks. Yes, they agreed, it *was* possible to operate the remote control and find that a door would not always open, particularly if a passenger held the handle at the same time as the driver pressed the command button.

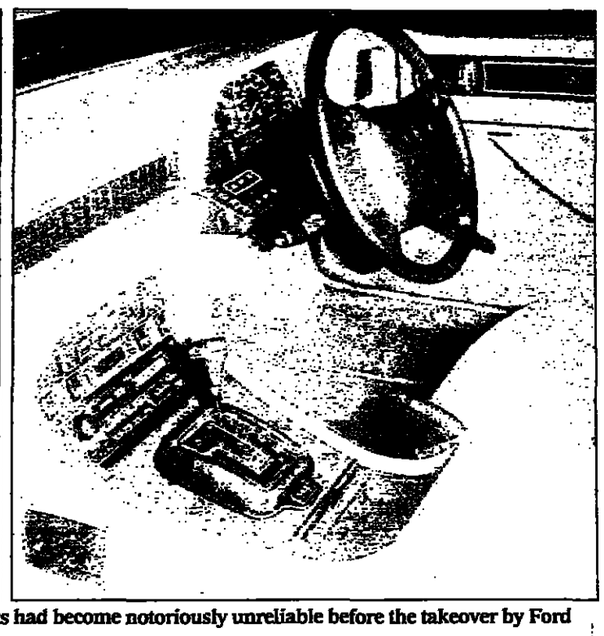
Luke Bosdet, technical services press officer at the AA, confirmed that other motorists had experienced problems with remote control door locks. It was often caused by a sticky solenoid on the car doors. His advice was to have the locks checked by the garage and *always* ensure that children are in their seatbelts before setting off.

It was a lesson I will not forget in a hurry. And if you are wondering, I wasn't the worse for drink. New Year it may have been, but because I was driving I had just one glass of buck's fizz with food. But I did have a stiff drink when I got home.

RON GRIBBLE

Kevin Eason and **Vaughan Freeman** report from the Detroit Motor Show on the factory turnround that has created a British success story





Jaguar's Sovereign has restored the reputation of the Coventry-based car maker, whose products had become notoriously unreliable before the takeover by Ford

Jaguar roars to reliability

After years of fending off disgruntled customers fed up with expensive limousines and sports cars that broke down, Jaguar has run into more criticism, *Kevin Eason writes*. But this time Nick Scheele, the chairman, is happy to listen, for people are telling him that his cars are too reliable.

Jaguar's turnround after three desperate years of recession and record financial losses — £250 million in the first nine months of last year alone — comes after an aggressive fightback by the British company, now owned by Ford.

Today, dealers in America say they are losing millions of dollars simply because customers do not bring their Jaguars back for expensive repairs.

While Jaguars were likely to break down, dealers were able to keep their workshops busy and claim back the cost of warranty repairs from Jaguar. But American consumers — who account for 40 per cent of all Jaguar sales — hit back. Sales plummeted, and Jaguar was suddenly on the financial rack. Losses mounted almost as soon as the ink was dry on the £1.6 billion agreement for the company, privatised in 1984, to become part of the Ford empire just five years later.

That demanded radical action from the new owners and that action is paying dividends now. Ford's tough quality-control programme at Jaguar's Browns Lane headquarters in Coventry has transformed the reliability of the cars. The company says that quality has improved eight-fold in two years, while productivity is up 15 to 20 per cent.

Martin Bennett, chairman of the Jaguar National Dealer Advisory Council, which represents 130 American dealers, says warranty claims have fallen by up to 50 per cent this year.

"We are losing enormous amounts of money because the cars do not come back any more," he says. "None of us relished the thought of losing that money, but we must sell trouble-free cars."

Jaguar sales in America were up 49 per cent in the first 11 months of 1993, swallowing 40 per cent of output. In the UK, sales were also up from 5,457 in the first 11 months of 1992 to 5,971.

> 'We are losing enormous amounts because the cars do not break down any more'

Leasecontracts, one of the company's biggest fleet contractors, says that Jaguar has regained its place as the top choice for company chairman and managing directors. Jaguar has won back the place from Lexus, the luxury car arm of Toyota, which had become the first choice for many executives.

Such a change is vital to Jaguar, which makes between 80 and 90 per cent of its sales direct to company fleets. It now matches Lexus with three-year warranty cover and offers two years' free servicing. At the same time, Toyota has had to cope with currency exchange rates which have pushed the price of Lexus above the £42,000 mark while the Jaguar Sovereign is still less than £39,000.

Geoff Becque, Leasecontracts' director, says: "Price advantage combined with much improved quality and a two-year free servicing campaign from Jaguar have allowed the Sovereign to regain its crown and offer the best value for money motoring for Britain's top executives."

Michael Dale, the president of Jaguar Cars in America, predicts sales will increase by another 10 to 15 per cent in 1994. The three-year warranty scheme is a perfect selling tool for America where buyers examine such details carefully.

Confidence and the warranty returns have been good enough to allow Jaguar to be the first to offer money-back guarantees to American customers.

The improvement is also reflected in the latest survey of American car dealers, who were asked which manufacturers offered the best levels of quality and customer satisfaction. Jaguar rated fifth for customer satisfaction and eighth for overall value out of 35 makes, well in front of competitors such as Honda, Mercedes-Benz, Saab, Volvo and Mitsubishi.

David Boole, Jaguar's director of communications, says: "Our American dealers are delighted with the changes we have made."

Fast food's takeaway in fast lane

To Americans, the car is often a canteen

Meals on wheels has become a motoring art form in America, where up to one in six of all restaurants and convenience meals are now bought as takeaways to be eaten in the car, *Vaughan Freeman writes*.

America's food manufacturers are designing new products that are easier to eat one-handed by drivers, while car-makers fit cup-holders and sandwich nooks to satisfy hungry motorists.

American drivers, especially business executives, drive up to 40,000 miles a year on the nation's network of interstate motorways and believe that eating on the move is a sign of how efficiently they use their time.

Bill Edwards, 36, a Chicago businessman, says that he can eat, drive and use his mobile phone while travelling. "I don't want to lose time and the food usually isn't worth stopping for."

One maker of a cereal bar is now broadcasting an advertisement which shows car passengers upset because they have missed their breakfast. But their day is saved when one of their number produces a box of cereal bars.

America's restaurant trade is highly geared to motorists. For instance, McDonald's offers a drive-through service. Car occupants can order and collect meals without leaving their vehicle. The company says that more than half



of all its sales are to motoring customers.

Burger King is testing a new pocket-sized sandwich wrapper that is easier to pick up and put down in stop-go traffic and a convenience store is testing a crudité dish with bite-size bits of broccoli and a spill-proof salad-dressing tray.

There are drawbacks. Police say more accidents than ever are caused by drivers with their minds on the menu rather than on the road. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that "inattentive behaviour", which includes eating, caused 7 per cent of America's fatal motoring accidents in 1992.

Behaviour experts believe that things will not change, because for some people their car is their only refuge. Steve Barnett, a former Nissan North America director, says: "Work and home are hectic, but the car is always quiet."

Safety apart, the only real obstacle to eating in the car is a permanently sticky steering wheel and the aggravation of food-spattered ties and stained dresses. For those who can live with it, food on the move is the only way to go in America.

Good idea that lacks the vital spark

Will General Motors' and Volkswagen's latest models of electric cars survive the ultimate test of the market?

Despite all the millions of pounds spent on research and many years of effort by the best brains in the motor industry, we are no nearer to driving the "green" car, *Kevin Eason writes*.

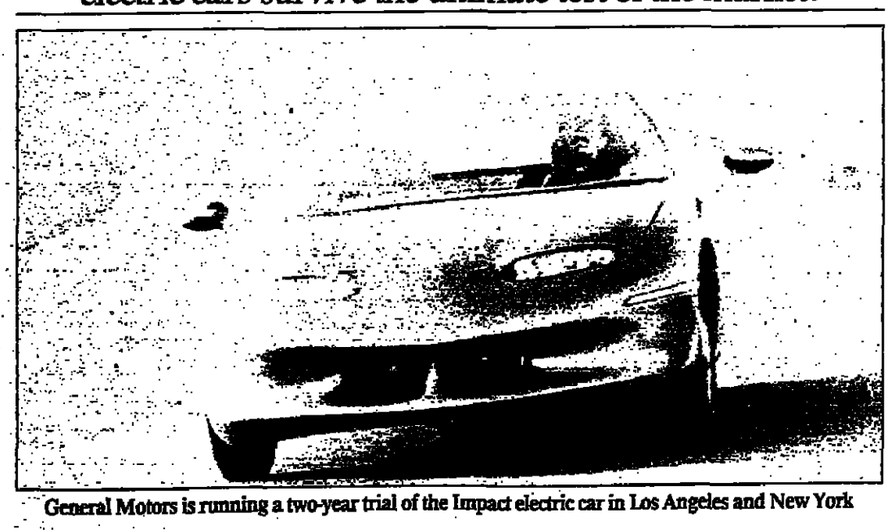
Thirty new models were launched at this week's Detroit Motor Show, yet none provided the leap forward in technology which will allow cars to beat zero-emission laws — due to be enforced from 1998 — and still provide a viable, long-range and relatively inexpensive means of transport.

Until someone comes up with a battery that can store enough power to rival the performance of the internal combustion engine, the electric car will fail.

Jack Smith, president of General Motors, the world's biggest motor company, certainly needs to be convinced of the electric car's benefits. He has given the go-ahead for 50 GM Impact electric cars to go on tests in New York and Los Angeles over the next two years to provide evidence. He believes the findings might give the regulators pause for thought.

While electric cars provide no emissions, there are no calculations for what their extra demand on power stations does to the environment. The overall problem of cost and range is also matched against the Impact, as it is for every other electric car.

The Impact's vital statistics offer 0-60mph acceleration in 8.5 seconds, about as good as a 2-litre petrol-powered car, and a top speed limited to 90mph to save the batteries.



General Motors is running a two-year trial of the Impact electric car in Los Angeles and New York

The car is innovative: there is no ashtray but there is a plug for a phone and even speed radar detectors. There is no ignition key, just a five-digit code. As he parks the car at the day's end, the driver can programme the car to warm up for the morning drive, a little like setting the home heating system.

The use of lead acid batteries to power a 137hp motor gives a range of about 250 miles, as much as 100 miles less than the best performing petrol cars, and then only at a steady 40mph. On average, two people with luggage would get only 70 miles around town.

Worse, the batteries are likely to last only about 30,000 miles and would then cost £1,500 to replace.

That is the problem, Mr Smith says. "We feel that there is limited potential for the vehicle because of the range. Everyone expected there to be a big improvement in battery technology but that will not have occurred in time."

That could be ominous for the electric car, at least in the short-term. "While electricity under-performs, it will not be a strong volume candidate," Mr Smith says. Instead, he favours the "hybrid" combination engine, using electric power backed up with a small petrol or diesel engine which could be used for extra power on motorways or to charge the electric motor, while clean electric power would be used in towns.

GM was beaten to the punch in Detroit by Volkswagen, which showed off the successor to the beloved Beetle. The modern version, called Concept One, could use a hybrid power unit of a three-cylinder diesel coupled to a 25hp or 18 kilowatt electric motor. The tiny, direct injection, turbo-charged diesel, could do the donkey-work when cruising, while the electric motor would perform in urban areas.

Professor Ulrich Seiffert, head of research and development at VW, believes the hybrid offers a fast track to the desire for cleaner towns and cities. The regulators would have to accept some emissions on motorways and A roads, but at least there would be less pollution coming from economical diesel engines working at speeds which offer higher efficiency.

VW is selling 100 electric Golf models to public service organisations in Germany this year. They will have new sodium nickle chloride batteries which offer a 90-mile range in city traffic.

The professor's optimism has to be tempered with the reality of a motor business more concerned with struggling out of recession than solving the battery problem. Among the thousands of tons of polished metal at Detroit, there was plenty of evidence of the commitment of manufacturer and customer to the internal combustion engine.

Even after two decades of oil crises, congested cities and the fear of pollution, car buyers in the world's largest single market like their vehicles big and brawny. They will have to be converted by legislators and manufacturers to a new way of driving... something that seems a long way off without a remarkable breakthrough.

ROADWISE

Party time for the motor city

Car makers were in jubilant mood in Detroit this week, with 1993 car sales in America up nearly 6 per cent over 1992 and the Big Three — Ford, General Motors and Chrysler — winning market share back from the Japanese.

The British were not out to spoil the party at the Detroit Motor Show, but Land Rover's Defender claimed the title of best 4 x 4 vehicle of the year. And the company launched the Discovery in America with an expedition through the jungles of Belize and Guatemala to deliver a 10ft fibreglass reproduction of a 6th-century monolith to an ancient Mayan capital.

The mission was announced at a typically British occasion with the world's press invited to tea and scones to the accompaniment of a harpist, in stark contrast to the blaring beat music, flashing lights and firecrackers of the Americans.

The Pontiac stand was so bright and colourful that journalists were handed sunglasses to look at the company's new Sunfire sports car, painted a glaring gold.

Cheaper running

TOYOTA cars are cheaper to run than their rivals in three crucial categories of company car.

According to figures from Leasecontracts for fleet managers, the British-built Carina E is the cheapest petrol-driven fleet car and the cheapest petrol model. The Corolla 1.3GLi tops the compact car section ahead of competitors from Ford, Vauxhall and Rover.

Ford noses the Carina E out of the important fleet car leadership if companies opt for a 1.8-litre diesel model but the gap in running costs is surprisingly close.

The Mondeo's class-leading 25p per mile is virtually matched by the 25.2p per mile offered by the petrol-driven 1.6-litre Carina E.

However, diesel proves its cost effectiveness, being cheaper in virtually every category of the 80 or so models chosen by Leasecontracts to recommend as potential company car choices. Figures are based on 25,000 miles driving a year and take into account insurance, depreciation and financing.

Call-out cause

COMPANY car drivers are costing their employers a fortune calling out the emergency services. According to the RAC, flat batteries are the most common cause for a call-out, and most are caused by leaving car phones and lights switched on, and faulty vehicle alarms. However, 7,000 drivers also needed assistance because they locked themselves out of the car.

Pooled resource

VAUXHALL's latest storage system means a new car is delivered within four days of the order being taken. By operating a series of "pools", dealers hold less stock and choose from a wider range of cars. So far, more than 93,000 cars have been delivered in an average 2.3 days since the scheme started last May.

Power supply

PEUGEOT has won a £9 million order to supply 700 cars to the National Grid, the electricity company based in Coventry. The order will be met over three years with 306, 405 and 605 models.

Astons on show

THE glamour of one of Britain's best-loved marques, Aston Martin, has been captured in an exhibition which runs until February 20 at the Museum of British Road Transport in Coventry. Cars on display include vintage examples and some of the latest models.

Wakefield chairman ordered to apologise

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE Rugby Football League board yesterday imposed fines on Dewsbury, for refusing to play a match, and Stuart Farrar, the Wakefield Trinity chairman, for derogatory remarks made to a referee.

Farrar, who admitted making the comments in Russell Smith's dressing-room both at half-time and at the end of the championship match at Salford on December 5, was found guilty of verbally abusing the Castleford referee. He was fined £100, suspended for 12 months, and instructed to send Smith a letter of apology.

The board felt that referees, although not to be regarded as a protected species, deserved better protection from club officials, who had available to them a written assessment procedure to remark on the performances of officials.

Dewsbury, of the second division, had no quibbles about a £500 fine for refusing to play Batley on Boxing Day at Mount Pleasant — the clubs share the ground — after the Hull referee, David Atkin, had declared the frosty pitch playable after a 90-minute delay.

"We were not happy with the ground, and understood the consequences of our actions," Rodney Hardcastle, the Dewsbury chairman said.

Batley failed with a claim for compensation against their tenants and were separately ordered to pay £400, with half suspended for a year, for fielding prop forward Richard Brooks, while the player was still registered with Hunslet.

Wigan will today present New Zealand rugby union international Va'aiga Tuigamala to the media, following his arrival yesterday afternoon, 24 hours earlier than anticipated. Instead of a greeting party arranged for him, Jack Robinson, the club chairman, had to hurry from his antique shop to Manchester Airport to collect the former All Black wing, who has signed a 4½-year contract worth £400,000. "I suppose it's a bonus he's here early," a bemused club official said.

If he is quick as he was arriving at Central Park, Tuigamala should fulfil at least some of the expectations of him. Wigan, though, know the problems of rushing newcomers, and will delay his debut for at least a fortnight, when he will have grown more accustomed in training to his centre position and playing inside Martin Offiah and Jason Robinson, the Great Britain wingers.

Wigan, too, appreciate the effects of culture-shock. Tuigamala and his family are being settled in a bungalow in a rural setting. Ten years ago, the Australian Brett Kenny, more used to Bondi Beach, never quite recovered from being located amid urban sprawl and remained for only one season.

□ London Crusaders' home match with Keighley on Sunday has been switched from Barnet Copthall stadium, where the pitch is waterlogged, to Hendon FC.

Leeds dismiss talk

LEEDS yesterday dismissed reports linking them with Martin Offiah. The Wigan and international winger, 27, has been the subject of speculation for weeks since the champions signed the All Black, Va'aiga Tuigamala, who arrived in Britain yesterday morning 24 hours earlier than expected.

But Doug Laughton, the Leeds manager, insisted yesterday that he had made no move for Offiah and that he had no plans to do so.

Kevin Iro and Craig Innes, the New Zealand centres, have been mentioned as part of a possible exchange deal for Offiah, but Laughton said: "My plan is for us to be better than Wigan, not to sell my best players to strengthen them."

Offiah moved to Wigan two years ago for a world record £440,000, but the signing of Tuigamala, nicknamed "Inga The Winger", is thought by many to have put his future with the club in doubt, although Wigan have repeatedly denied they are ready to sell him.

Allner revives fond memories

Walter Gammie speaks to a manager relishing the prospect of a trip down memory lane to Birmingham City

When Graham Allner stood on the Tilton Road terracing at St Andrew's, the view of the goal at the Railway End used to disappear in a fog of steam from passing locomotives. The age of steam soon went and the Railway End became the City Stand, but an allegiance forged by ten boyhood years of not missing a home match endures.

Tomorrow, Allner will set loyalties aside when, as manager of a Kidderminster Harriers side making its first appearance in the third round of the FA Cup, he returns to St Andrew's to try to engineer the downfall of his beloved Birmingham. That Barry Fry, a rival in many a joust in the GM Vauxhall Conference, has arrived at City, throwing up as many sparks and as much steam as any engine to arrive at New Street, only helps bring Allner's past forcibly into the present.

FA CUP

The beginnings are easily explained: "Home was five or six minutes' walk away," Allner said. "My brother used to go regularly and went down to the 1956 Cup final. I was too young for that, but started going soon after."

The names trip off the tongue: "Alec Govan, Gordon Astle, Eddie Brown — he was the favourite, a bit of a clown who played up to the crowd — Bertie Auld, Ken Leek, Jimmy Bloomfield, Terry Hennessey ..." Two years in a row, in 1960 and 1961, Birmingham reached the final of the Inter-City Fairs Cup. "Hard to believe now, but I saw Inter Milan, Barcelona, Ujpest Dozsa and the rest."

Loyalty remained unshaken, even when Allner, the young footballer, was released by Birmingham after two years on schoolboy forms: "At the time, it was the end of the world," Allner said. "They didn't give me a decision and it dragged on so long that eventually my father, who never interfered in any way, went down to the club. I remember him coming into the back garden. He didn't have to say anything, his face said it all."

His playing career drew Allner away from the terraces and on to Walsall, Worcester City, Stafford Rangers and Alvechurch, but he eventually returned to make his living from a sports shop 200 yards away from St Andrew's. He wound that up when the call came from Kidderminster in 1983. The relationship established there swiftly became as intense — and as lasting — as his youthful passion.

Allner said: "At the start, my short-term aim was to get the club off the bottom of the table; the long-term aim was to establish the club as one that could consistently compete at the top of the non-League tree and be counted with the big clubs, the Altrinchams and Telfords, who had cup runs and did well in the league."

The present team sits on top of the Conference, with Paul Davies leading the attack at 33 with skill undiminished from the days when, with Kim Casey and Mick Tuohy, the Kidderminster attack was the envy of the non-League world. The highlight came in 1987 when Harriers won the FA Trophy, with Davies scoring the goals that beat Burton Albion in a replay.

"It hasn't been all success, we were nearly relegated 18 months ago, but it's been a lot of fun and I think it's fair to say we have become a big club in every sense of the word," Allner said. Of Fry, he added: "He's a great character — the total enthusiast. Since he's arrived, he has forced Big Ron [Atkinson, the Aston Villa manager] off the back pages of the local papers, which takes some doing.

"He is so unpredictable. There is no point in trying to change your game to make special plans for one of his sides because you simply don't know what he's going to do. I went to see Birmingham play at Stoke, and they came out for the second half with five forwards lined across the pitch. I hadn't seen that since I was a kid." Back in those days on the terraces.

JOHN POTTER/NEWSTEAM



Allner relishes the sight of St Andrew's before tomorrow's game

Fry goes on another spending spree at St Andrew's

BY CHRIS MOORE

BARRY Fry, the Birmingham City manager, yesterday made three more sorties into the transfer market as his St Andrew's revolution continued. The former Southend United manager has now made ten signings in under a month.

Last night he agree to pay a Birmingham club record fee of £450,000 for Steve Claridge, the Cambridge United striker, having earlier in the day paid Colchester United £150,000 for Steve McGavin, a 23-year-old forward. Both players are expected to make their debuts in Birmingham's first division game at Notts County on Tuesday.

By then Fry will also have signed Liam Daish, the Cambridge defender, who arrives on loan on Monday with a view to a permanent deal. "Claridge and McGavin are my type of players," Fry said. "They can hold up the ball, and can also go as defenders." But neither is available for tomorrow's FA Cup, third-round tie against the GM Conference leaders, Kidderminster Harriers, at St Andrew's.

Ian Rush yesterday insisted that he wanted to remain at Liverpool for at least another 18 months. In a newspaper column the Welsh striker said that he had been unhappy at being substituted against Sheffield United on Boxing Day.

But the club's all-time leading goalscorer, who has recently been linked with moves to the Japanese League and Newcastle United, said yesterday: "I've played three games since that column was written and if I'm in the side, then I'm quite happy here. I love this club. I just said that if I wasn't wanted I wouldn't stay, but I've not been told by anyone that I'm not wanted."

Southampton have appealed to the Football Association against the dismissal of Francis Benali, their full back, for allegedly elbowing Ruel Fox, the Norwich City winger, in the face during Saturday's Premiership match at The Dell.

Benali was sent off after the defender and Fox had tangled near a corner flag. He now faces an automatic three-match ban for violent conduct.

Fox was left with a cut lip and loose teeth but a free kick was awarded to Southampton after Benali had been shown the red card.

Conference carrot the catalyst for late-season consistency

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL
BY WALTER GAMMIE

THE erratic progress of the clubs attempting to win places in the GM Vauxhall Conference next season is nowhere better illustrated than by the swings of form and fortune in the Beazer Homes League.

On Monday, Farnborough Town went top of the league after a 3-1 win at Sittingbourne, one of their main rivals, with goals from their forward pairing of Trevor Senior and Chris Boothe, and Jamie Horton, in midfield. Farnborough's way to the top was cleared by the surprise defeat of Cheltenham Town, 1-0 at home by lowly Dorchester.

Farnborough, who returned to the Beazer Homes League this season after relegation from the Conference, were beaten themselves 5-0 at Bashley before Christmas. Terry Parr, the Farnborough secretary, said: "It's dog eat dog, but three seasons ago, when we won the league on the last Saturday, we were tenth on December 21."

The transition to the management of Alan Taylor after the long reign of Ted Pearce has been smooth. Parr said: "Alan had been Ted's assistant and, with us for eight years, apart from a spell at Chesham, and we knew he'd carry on with the same sort of football Ted always played."

Senior's arrival at the end of November has upped the goal supply: he scored a hat-trick in Farnborough's win over Waterlooville last Saturday.

The perennial problem for Farnborough remains lack of support. Parr said: "I take a philosophical view. We're in our 26th year and just onto our second generation of supporters. It's not like at Yeovil or Woking, say, where you get grand-dad, dad, and sons going."

Worries about lack of support at a club that is struggling to clear debts incurred in the wake of the cup run will be temporarily forgotten tomorrow when Aldershot Town visit for a Hampshire Senior Cup match. Nearly 6,000 watched the club's meeting at the Recreation Ground last season, persuading Aldershot to offer Farnborough a package of incentives to switch tomorrow's tie. "We came out of the hat first," Parr said. "It's our tie." There will be a maximum 4,000 for the all-ticket match at Cherrywood Road.



Walking

Britons accept BOC Challen

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

MALDONADO, Uruguay: San Fernando 8.5km road race: 1. S Chemwoyo (Kenya) 20mn 48sec.

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EUROPEAN CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: semi-final group series: Group A: Real Madrid 99 Barcelona 78

CRICKET

COLOMBO: First youth international (third day of four): England 287 (M Vaughan 99, N Wood 53), Sri Lanka 351-9 (M Jayawardena 108)

FOOTBALL

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Macclesfield 1 Altrincham 0
TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: First round replay: Postponed: Huntly v Alloa
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Postponed: Charlton v Swindon; Oxford Utd v Arsenal; Portsmouth v Brighton; Southampton v Bristol Rovers; Tottenham v Chelsea; Watford v Crystal Palace, West Ham v Ipswich; Wimbledon v Luton. Second division: Hereford 3 Torquay 2. Postponed: Bournemouth v Cheltenham, Exeter v Cardiff, Yeovil v Swansea; Swansea v Cheltenham
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 4 Coventry 0, Manchester United 1 Sheffield Wednesday 0. Postponed: Bolton v Derby, Newcastle v Blackburn, Nottingham Forest v Sunderland, York v Wolverhampton. Second division: Barnsley v West Bromwich; Burnley v Oldham, Hull v Middlesbrough; Mansfield v Port Vale, Tranmere v Scunthorpe
ENGLISH SCHOOLS ADIDAS UNDER-19 TROPHY: Middlesex 0 Kent 0
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Rossendale Utd 1 Darwen 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Horwich 0 Leek 1
SPANISH CUP: Third round, first legs: Deportivo La Coruña 1 Real Oviedo 3, Espanol 0 Sevilla 1, Logroñés 1 Celta 0.
BELGIAN SUPER CUP: Anderlecht 3 Standard Liège 0
PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Porto 4 União Madeira 1
ITALY: First divison: Udinese 0 AC Milan 0. Italian Cup, quarter-final, first leg: Piacenza 2 Torino 2; Sampdoria 1 Internazionale 0, Foggia 0 Parma 3; Venice 0 Ancona 0

DARTS

FRIMLEY GREEN: Embassy world championship: Quarter-finals: R George (Eng) bt K Kenny (Eng) 4-2; M Caris (Swe) bt M Adams (Eng) 4-2

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Hartford 4 Winnipeg 0; Calgary 4 NY Rangers 1, Vancouver 7 Ottawa 2, Montreal 4 Quebec 0

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Peel Hunt British under-21 championship: First round: R Tate bt T Stewart-Liberty 15-9, 15-5. Second round: M Windows bt Tate 15-3, 15-3; M Hubbard bt T Tennant 15-10, 15-3; H Fowler bt A Mordaunt 15-6, 15-5. C Danby bt S Beecroft 15-2, 19-14; A Scammell bt J Walsh 15-9, 15-3; A Smith-Bingham bt A Roberts-Miller 15-6, 15-3. Under-24 championship: First round: C Bridgeman bt A Mordaunt 15-5, 15-6. Second round: C Danby bt P Davis-Jones 15-8, 15-11; T Barker bt N Hall 15-4, 15-1; A Smith-Bingham bt P Schmishaw-Wright 15-4, 15-4; R Henman bt A Scammell 15-10 11-15, 15-10; J Acheson-Grey bt T West 15-6, 15-1; L Danby bt S Beecroft 15-10, 15-11; K Walker bt W Wells 15-10, 15-9, J Larken bt J Hey 17-18, 15-7, 18-17

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Hull 20 Bradford Northern 4, Leeds 8 Castleford 4. Second division: Rochdale 34 Carlisle 18.

SWIMMING

PEKING: World Cup short-course meeting: Witness (Chinese unless stated): Men: 50m freestyle: R Mayuolis (Lith) 21.79 sec, British: 3, M Foster 22.02. 50m backstroke: V Selkov (Rus) 24.66; British: 2, M Harris 25.36. 100m breaststroke: R Deckker (Ned) 1.00.69; British: 3, N Gillingham 1.01.59. 100m butterfly: D Pankratov (Rus) 53.11. 200m freestyle: E Sadovyi (Rus) 1.46.59. 200m backstroke: V Selkov (Rus) 1.55.63; British: A Rudkwood (GB) 1.57.69. 200m individual medley: C Keller (Ger) 1.58.59. 800m freestyle: E Sadovyi (Rus) 7.46.82; British: 3, P Palmer (GB) 7.54.05

SKIING

SAALBACH, Austria: World Cup downhill, men: 1, E Podivinsky (Can) 2min 09.83sec; 2, C Mullen (Can) 2.10.21; 3, A Skaardal (Nor) 2.10.30; 4, M Girardelli (Lux) 2.10.41; 5 equal, L Alphand (Fr) and R Socher (Can) 2.10.42; 7, P Ortlieb (Austria) 2.10.57; 8, T Mbe (US) 2.10.60; 9, D Prelot (Fr) 2.10.68; 10, K A Aamodt (Nor) 2.10.81; 11, F Heinzer (Switz) 2.10.83; 12, J-L Cretier (Fr) 2.10.86; 13, A J Kitt (US) 2.10.92; 14, K Rasmussen (US) 2.10.97; 15, L Sauder (Can) 2.11.01. British: 22, M Bell 2.11.28. Leading World Cup downhill standings: 1. Ortlieb 221pts; 2, Girardelli 210, 3, Mullen 162; 4, H Trinki (Austria) 136, 5, D Mahrer (Switz) 128, 6, E Podivinsky (Can) 127, 7, M Foster (Lech) 122, 8, T Moe (US) 116.5, P Vitalini (It) 115; 10, R Boyd (Can) 114, 11, Cretier 91, 12, Skaardal 90, 13, W Franz (Austria) 88; 14, K Ghedina (It) 73; 15, L Alphand (Fr) 74. British: 35, Bell 24. Overall World Cup standings: 1, Aamodt 505pts; 2, G Mader (Austria) 493, 3, Tomba 454; 4, Girardelli 401; 5, T Stangassinger (Austria) 305, 6, J Kozir (Slovenia) 285, 7, F Piccard (Fr) 274; 8, Trinki 241, 9, B Gstrein (Austria) 223, 10, P Ortlieb (Austria) 221, 11, F C Jagge (Norway) 220, 12, Mayer 214, 13, J E Thorset (Nor) 212, 14, S Locher (Switz) 211; 15, M von Gruenigen (Switz) 210

SKI JUMPING

BISCHOFSHOFEN, Austria: World Cup: Four Hills series: 1, E Bradseten (Nor) 245pts; 2, N Kasai (Japan) 232.2, 3, J Weissflog (Ger) 224.8, 4, R Cecon (It), 5, A Goldberger (Austria) 216.8, 6, H Jackle (Ger) 202, 7, H Kuttin (Austria) 200.8; 8, T Okabe (Japan) 195.5, 9, N Dessum (Fr) 195, 10, J Ahonen (Fin) 194.3. Four Hills final standings: 1, Bradseten 331.3pts, 2, Weissflog 323.3, 3, Goldberger 891.8, 4, Kasai 848.2; 5, J Salsala (Cz Rep) 845.5. World Cup standings: 1, Weissflog 510pts, 2, Bradesen 500, 3, Goldberger 550, 4, Sakala 326; 5, Okabe 297

TABLE TENNIS

BLETCHLEY: Men's International: England 4 Japan 2 (England names first): C Prean bt K Nakamura 21-10, 21-14; M Syed lost to Y Matsushita 15-21, 21-13, 17-21, A Eden lost to K Matsushita 12-21, 9-21; Prean bt Y Matsushita 21-10, 21-13; Eden bt Y Monmoto 14-21, 21-10, 22-20; Syed bt Nakamura 21-17, 21-16
WARWICK: Women's International: England 4 Japan 6 (England names first): L Lomas bt Y Fujita 21-14, 21-9; K Goodall bt S Matsusaki 8-21, 21-18, 21-13; S Marling lost to C Koyama 9-21, 15-21; Lomas and Goodall bt Matsusaki and Koyama 21-17, 21-9; N Deaton lost to M Endo 10-21, 11-21, Marling and Deaton lost to Endo and Fujita 17-21, 21-19, 16-21.

TENNIS

ADELAIDE: Australian men's championships: Second-round: K Carlsen (Den) bt J Apell (Swe) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; N Kulti (Swe) bt G Ruzadzki (Can) 7-6, 6-3; G Raoux (Fr) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4
PERTH, Australia: Hopman Cup: Semi-final: Germany 3 Austria 0 (German names first): A Huber bt J Wiesner 6-2, 1-6, 6-2, B Karpacker bt A Antonitsch 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, Karbacher and Huber bt Antonitsch and Wissnar, 6-4 (one set).

GOLF

PRESIDENT'S PUTTER (Rye GC): First round: K Frearson (Oxford, Christchurch) bt A O Ahlquist (Cambridge, Christ's) 5 and 4; E R Dexter (Cambridge, Jesus) bt G R Hughes (Cambridge, Caius) 4 and 3; M W M R MacPhee (Oxford, Oriel) bt H M J Ritchie (Oxford: Christ Church) 1 hole; T F Sharp (Oxford, Corpus) bt A N Lyle (Oxford, Exeter) 5 and 4; J E Borrett (Cambridge, Queens') bt J R Bushell (Cambridge, Pembroke) w/o; T G Pridge (Oxford, St Catherine's) bt S P Thomas (Oxford, Merton) w/o; A Dy Dass (Oxford, University) bt A C Armishaw (Oxford, Hertford) w/o; M F Baigent (Cambridge, St John's) bt D A M Steel (Cambridge, Christ's) 2 and 1; T E Tew (Oxford: Wolfson) bt E J Edmond (Cambridge, Trinity) w/o; P M Green (Cambridge, Emmanuel) bt M P J Bonney (Cambridge, St Catharine's); B B E Ingelby (Cambridge, Fitzwilliam) bt D T Sparrow (Oxford, Reside) 6 and 5; R A Sanders (Oxford, Merton) bt P M Wiper (Oxford, St Peter,) 7 and 6; D L Mason (Oxford, Jesus) bt J C Williamson (Oxford, St John's) w/o; J R Gillum (Cambridge, King's) bt P J R Soussar (Cambridge, Queen's) 2 and 1; M G Ebert (Cambridge, Fitzwilliam) bt E G Hurst (Oxford, Christ Church) w/o; J M T Warman (Cambridge, Selwyn) bt I R H Pattinson (Cambridge, Pembroke) 3 and 2; J R E Kent (Oxford, Brasenose) bt B G Streather (Oxford, St Edmund Hall) 3 and 2; D L Bates (Oxford, Christ Church) bt K M Boden (Cambridge, Pembroke) w/o; W P M Warne (Oxford, Hertford) bt S C K Twigden (Cambridge, Selwyn) w/o; G O Leech (Oxford, St Peter's) bt R H Bigley (Cambridge, Queen's) w/o; C L A Edgerton (Oxford, Pembroke) bt N J Grant (Cambridge, Christ's) 4 and 3; R C P Seddon (Oxford, Oriel) bt N M Stephens (Oxford, Lincoln) 4 and 3; J B L Webster (Cambridge, Caius) bt G F Deane (Cambridge, Trinity) 7 and 6; J M Corrman (Oxford, St Catherine's) bt C G Nevill (Oxford, Caius) 4 and 3; S J Anthony (Cambridge, Queens') bt G M Langford (Oxford, Pembroke) 2 and 1; A D Chilvers (Oxford, St Benet's Hall) bt A de C Aldrich-Blake (Cambridge, Pembroke) 3 and 2; C G White (Oxford, Exeter) bt R J Rinaldi (Oxford, Oriel) 2 and 1; R W Devlin (Oxford, Wadham) bt J A Skelton (Cambridge, Trinity) w/o; M R Butler (Oxford, St Edmund Hall) bt Sir M Willis (Cambridge, Pembroke) P H Weller (Cambridge, St John's) S D Ellis (Cambridge, Pembroke) bt M G L Jerrom (Oxford, St Peter's) bt J C Hatter (Oxford, Magdalen) D J Youngman (Oxford, Brasenose) bt W J Uzell (Oxford, Trinity) 1 hole; R W Evans (Cambridge, Wolfson) bt J Clonnist (Oxford, Christ Church) w/o; P B Merry (Cambridge, Downing) bt P J Maddaford (Cambridge, Fitzwilliam) 4/3; A W J Holmes (Cambridge, St John's) bt A G M Goodrich (Cambridge, Queens') 3 and 2, J H Palmer (Cambridge, St John's) bt R J G Hurst (Oxford, Christ Church) w/o; N J Burke (Oxford, Lady Margaret Hall) bt D E Rodway (Oxford, Exeter) 2 and 1; R J H Randall (Cambridge, St John's) bt A A Barrett-Greene (Oxford, St Edmund Hall) w/o; M E Kitchin (Oxford, Worcester) bt M C

SKI RESORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) °C	Last snow
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	65	85	good	good	open	snow -5	6/1
(Fresh snow on all runs providing good skiing)							
AUSTRIA							
Obergurgl	85	145	good	powder	good	snow -2	6/1
(Most lifts above 2,300 metres closed due to wind)							
St Anton	50	210	good	varied	fair	cloud -1	4/1
(Pistes generally good, if a little crowded)							
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	130	220	good	varied	good	snow -1	6/1
(Blizzard conditions making for tricky skiing)							
Chamonix	100	425	good	heavy	good	cloud 3	5/1
(High winds causing many lifts to close)							
Flaine	105	300	good	crust	good	cloud 2	5/1
(More lifts open today after recent strong winds)							
Megève	80	140	fair	heavy	poor	cloud 4	5/1
(Skiing restricted due to high winds)							
S Chevalier	80	210	powder	good	good	snow -2	6/1
(Heavy snowfall and high winds limiting skiing)							
Tignes	155	335	good	varied	good	cloud -3	5/1
(Excellent skiing on superbly prepared pistes)							
Val-d'Isère	125	320	good	powder	good	snow 4	6/1
(Good powder skiing but strong winds)							
ITALY							
Cervinia	100	400	good	powder	good	snow -4	6/1
(Superb skiing on all open pistes)							
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	70	80	good	powder	good	snow -0	6/1
(All lifts closed by high winds and snowfall)							
C Montana	80	200	good	powder	good	cloud 2	5/1
(Wind causing closure of lifts above mid station)							
Wengen	15	30	fair	heavy	fair	Föhn 8	1/1
(Strong Föhn has closed most lifts)							
Zermatt	40	190	good	heavy	fair	cloud -5	2/1
(Many lifts closed due to high winds)							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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Stones Bitter Championship
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DARTS: Embassy world championship (Frimley Green)
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF on 19th January 1994 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 of aeq.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED this 31st December 1993
M. Desai, Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986
(A) Groves and Guttridge Limited
(B) Groves and Guttridge Marine Limited
(C) Pasgrove Limited
(All in Members Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Clive Robert Hammond of Pride Brewster Carolyn House, 29-31 Greville Street, London EC1N 8SB was appointed Liquidator of the said Companies by members on (A) and (B) 16th December 1993 and (C) on 17th December 1993.
Dated this 17th day of December 1993.
C R Hammond, Liquidator
N.B. These companies have no connection with GROVES AND GUTTRIDGE (MARINE SERVICES) LIMITED which remains an actively trading company.

DALEDOVE LIMITED
Company Number: 2157927
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE NAMED COMPANY
On 24 December 1993 the above named company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claims against the company to the liquidator at the above address by 29 January 1994 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all known creditors in full.
Date 6 January 1994
Anthony Victor Lomas,
Liquidator.

NOTICE OF CREDITORS MEETING IN ADMINISTRATION PROCEEDINGS
Fatty Investments Limited
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of creditors in the above matter is to be held as follows: Venue: 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA. Date: 17 January 1994. Time: 3.00 pm to consider any proposals under S.23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 and to consider establishing a creditors' committee.
A proxy form is enclosed which should be completed and returned to me by the date of the meeting if you cannot attend the meeting and wish to be represented. In order to be entitled to vote at the meeting you must give to me, not later than 12.00 hours of the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of your claim.
28 December 1993
J A G Alexander,
Joint Administrator

No. 0010178 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF UPTON AND SOUTHERN HOLDINGS PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that a Petition was on 19th November 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company, to the credit of which stood a sum of £1,699,277 as the date of presentation of the above mentioned Petition, the cancellation of the Capital Redemption Reserve of the above named company to the credit of which stood a sum of £288,000 as the date of presentation of the above mentioned Petition and the reduction of the share capital of the above named Company by the cancellation and extinguishing of all the 9,018,254 Redeemable Shares of £0.05p each from £4,750,000 divided into 368,105,554 Ordinary Shares of 0.0p each, 9,018,254 Redeemable Shares of £0.05p each and 750,000 Cumulative Convertible Redeemable Preference Shares of £1 each to £2,540,827.77 divided into 368,105,554 Ordinary Shares of 0.6p each and 750,000 Cumulative Convertible Redeemable Preference Shares of £1 each
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on Wednesday the 19th day of January 1994
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account, the said cancellation of the Capital Redemption Reserve and the said reduction of the share capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 9th day of December 1993
Mercury Crystal 33 Southampton Row London WC1B 5HT
Ref: SPD/PRB
Solicitors for the above named Company

Metrofreight Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED this 31st December 1993
Jack M Pardico, Director.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BARLOW: Wilfred Barlow late of Flat 10 Ferndean Court, Old Orchard Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex Died at Eastbourne on 8th February 1993
Estate about £30,000
The late of the above-named are requested to apply to Messrs Lawrence Lewis & Co., Solicitors, 11 Hyde Gardens, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 4PP.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - of Elsie Fellows Christmas Dr Gems
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to 81 Aldwin's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number: DSV 626901-K/2-CD-LDN3.

Notice, Exeter Friendly Society, Registered No. 91F
A Special General Meeting of the above Society will be held in Exeter on Monday 24th January 1994 at 2.30 pm AGENDA To resolve to accept a transfer of engagements of the Provincial Mutual Provident Fund, a Registered Friendly Society No. 844F. To ratify a partial amendment of Rules. To resolve to incorporate under the Friendly Societies Act 1992. Advisers' details can be obtained from:- The Chief Executive, Exeter Friendly Society, Beech Hill House, Walnut Gardens, Exeter EX4 4DG.

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SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

There is no way to deal with 1 ... Ng2+ f2 Nxf2 Qg1+ mating. If 1 Bxg4 Qxg4 and 2 ... Qg1+ is again unstoppable.

Answers from page 40.

ACOUCHI
(c) Acouchi resin or balsam, the inspissared juice of *Icica heterophylla*, a forest tree of Guiana, the native name of the indigenous Indians of Guiana: "Balsam of Acouchi, yielded by *Icica heterophylla*, is employed as a vulnerary."

BRAD
(b) A thin flattish nail of the same thickness throughout, but tapering in width; having a small lip on one edge, instead of a head. A variant of *brod* a pointed instrument or spike, which in its more general sense has retained the older form; the change of vowel is perhaps due to dialect pronunciation. "Brads or spikes sometimes made nearly a foot in length for the shipwright's or builder's use."

VERST
(a) A Russian measure of length equal to 3,500 English feet or about two-thirds of an English mile, from the Russian words: "A thousand cold Siberian versts, as the sledge flies and the wolves pursue."

YONI
(c) A figure or symbol of the female organ of generation as an object of veneration among the Hindus and others, from the Sanskrit, hence *yonic*: "In nature-worship, all natural orifices were reverenced as representing the yoni of the mother-earth goddess."

IAN STEWART



Following in famous cricketing and golfing footsteps, Hopkins braves the cold, wind and rain to carry Dexter's bag in the President's Putter at Rye yesterday

Walking the course with Lord Ted



John Hopkins reports on a day spent caddying for Ted Dexter in the President's Putter at Rye

PERHAPS it was the sniff that did it. Ted Dexter would settle at the address, looking as comfortable as a top-class professional. You could see that his stevedore's forearms and wrists were relaxed and he gripped the club as softly as if he was cradling a tiny bird.

Then that Bourbon nose of his would twitch, there would be a perceptible sniff as if it was part of his pre-shot routine and he would start his backswing. "It's almost as if he is saying to the ball "don't you dare disobey me," Karl Frearson remarked just before Ted Dexter despatched him 2 and 1 to reach the third round of the President's Putter at Rye. Frearson, grinned mischievously: "Do you think he knows he does it? Shall I ask him?"

Dexter loves Rye, where he has twice won the Putter, and, if such a thing can be said, the Old course loves him. Seven times he has reached the final of this competition, nine times the semi-final. He is the second-oldest winner, the oldest finalist at 52 and still, pushing 60, a man to be reckoned with. He plays off four at Sunningdale and, but for ailments, it would surely be lower. He has had operations recently, to his left foot, right knee, left leg, and twice they have dug deep into that broad back to relieve the pressure. "The truth is," he said, "the old undercarriage isn't what it should be any more."

On this day, which had begun in the dark with a storm warning flag at Rye Golf Club standing out as straight as a well-starched tablecloth, Dexter was completely at ease. Cricket, work, worries were cast to all points of the compass. He was in his element battling the elements.

If Rye is heaven, as Dexter believes, then the 4th hole represents the very altar at which he worships. Pigeon-toed and limping slightly, he struggled up the gravel path to the raised tee and, when he reached it, gathered his breath and looked out towards the grumbling, grey-green sea: "This is what we come for" he said. "Up here, it's magnificent.

"I've played St Mellion once and that's enough, thank you very much. The same with East Sussex. I've no wish to go back there. These American courses are too difficult for the ordinary punter." He turned inland and stared down the spine of the 4th fairway. "Look at it. If I had to play one hole for the rest of my life, this would be it."

The chance to caddie for Dexter was nearly missed. He tells it thus: "Hopkins asked if he could do it and I thought it would be a bit of fun and so I said 'Yes'. He said 'Good, I'll see you mid-morning Thursday and we'll have a cup of coffee to discuss tactics.' I'm afraid I had to tell him that we were off on Wednesday at 8.16 in the morning. He went a bit quiet at that."

Dexter's first opponent in the morning was Gareth Hughes, a 65-year-old Welshman who, after an early burst, was ground down by Dexter's power. Hughes's tee shot at the short 5th came to rest six feet from the flag and he holed for a two. "That's better than when we played that hole in the Croome Shield," he remarked. "That day the wind was so strong we took 15 putts."

Dexter crashed a long, high drive, curling to the left, as so many of his did, down the 6th fairway and limped after it: "My putting story does not match that. Playing the 5th at Royal St George's one day, I hit two drivers to the front edge of the green and then four-putted. That afternoon, I again reached the green in two and I thought, "I'd better not four-putt this time". I didn't. I five-putted."

His driving is long, his irons often authoritatively struck and his short game around the green as sharp as a tack. On the green, however, it all changes. By mid-morning, he had abandoned his hands-together putting style and was putting his left below his right. Furthermore, he would place the blade of the putter behind the ball and line it up and then come around to the side to play it.

"Let's try the Fanny routine," he said after defeating Hughes 4 and 3 and preparing to face Frearson, who at 29 was exactly half his age. "You stand behind me and tell me whether I have lined it up correctly and then I'll hit it." That routine lasted one hole. On the 10th after lunch, our first, we lined it up as arranged. The former chairman of England's cricket selectors then hit it so far off course it was almost a wide. "I think I'll go back to my old method," he said diplomatically.

His bag was enormous, a full 40lb. Keeping track of all one's duties was not easy. One had to clean the irons, give him the next club, put the cover on a wood, place the bag so he would not be put off by it, attend the flag, help with judgement of distances.

"There's an awful lot to do," he agreed as we trudged down the 9th. "It's just like umpiring. Every time I did that I was hopeless. I couldn't remember the number of balls. I am sure I gave the wrong decisions. It was all too much for me."

The wind rose, freshening as the day wore on, and the clouds rolled in. By 3pm, it was so dark the umpires would have abandoned play on the grounds of bad light. Dexter was dormie three — and cold. He was grateful he had remembered his Rye survival kit — a candle to light four handwarmers, one for each pocket and two in reserve, a packet of Disprin, a hip flask and some matches.

He was not so cold, however, that he needed as many clothes as another competitor had once worn — three pairs of socks, underwear, pyjamas, rain trousers over another pair of trousers, a heavy shirt, six sweaters, two scarves, two pairs of gloves, a woollen hat and a balaclava.

Dexter ended Frearson's challenge by deliberately playing first into the 8th green to pressurise his younger opponent. He winked, knowingly, and limped towards the clubhouse where tea awaited him. It had been a good day.

Zhong sets second record in two days

ZHONG Weiyue, of China, set her second world record in two days at the World Cup short-course swimming championships in Peking yesterday in winning the 50 metres butterfly. Zhong, who broke the 100 metres butterfly short-course world record on Wednesday, clocked 26.44sec for the 50 to carve 0.49 of a second from the world best set by Angela Kennedy, of Australia, in Canberra last July.

It was the second leg of the seven-venue World Cup series which started in Hong Kong last Saturday. The five other meetings are in Europe in March. The time yesterday is not an official world record because 50 metres butterfly is not swum at major international championships.

☐ Karen Rake has been added to the Senior England Speedo squad for 1994 — reward for the form she has shown over the last two years. Rake, 17, of the Maxwell Chipping Norton club, earned a top 20 world ranking and a silver medal at the European Sprint championships at Gateshead in November.

Victory for Podvinski

SKIING: Ed Podvinski, of Canada, an outsider, was the surprise winner of the men's World Cup downhill race in Saalbach, Austria, yesterday. Podvinski, 23, appeared to be out of contention after the first leg as he finished outside the top 15, but he relegated his compatriot, Cary Mullen, to second place with his second run, winning in 2min 9.83sec, 0.38sec ahead. Atle Skaardal, of Norway, was third. Podvinski is the first Canadian to win a downhill race since Rob Boyd in 1989, at Whistler Mountain.

☐ Carole Merle, of France, the women's world giant slalom champion, yesterday parted company with her coach, Maurice Adrait, 24 hours after saying that she might not compete in the Olympics in Lillehammer next month because of her poor form this season.

British favourites

REAL TENNIS: Mike Gooding and Chris Bray will start favourites for the BNB Resources British professional doubles championship which gets under way at Queen's Club today. Gooding and Bray, the Petworth professionals, have recently won a string of doubles titles and both look to be at the top of their form. They face strong competition from the Australian pair, Latchie Duchar and Robert Fahey. The holders, Mark Devine and Kevin Sheldon, the Leamington professionals, are relegated to third seeds.

Top seeds progress

RACKETS: Guy Barker, the No 2 seed, reached the last eight of the British under-24 championship with an impressive victory over the determined Jonathan Larken in straight games. Barker, who is seeded to meet Ally Robinson, his former Marlborough doubles partner, in the final, looked fit and powerful, serving precisely to counter Larken's dogged retrieving and accurate floor game. Robinson also looked in command in his third round match, beating Charles Danby, the former Foster Cup winner, in three entertaining games.

Piper's challenge

BOXING: Nicky Piper, of Cardiff, will challenge Leeonzer Barber, of the United States, for the World Boxing Organisation light-heavyweight title at Cardiff Ice Rink on January 29. Victory will almost certainly lead to Piper getting a second meeting with Nigel Benn, also in Cardiff, later this year. Barber, 27, a former United States Marine who works out of Manny Steward's renowned Kronk Gymnasium in Detroit, took the then vacant WBO crown when he stopped Tom Collins in the sixth round at Leeds in May 1991.

Graf starts in style

TENNIS: After a year troubled by injuries, Steffi Graf won her first match of 1994 in Hong Kong yesterday. The German world No 1, 24, showed no sign of her previous back and foot problems as she recorded a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Iva Majoli, of Croatia, in an exhibition tournament. She now meets Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, of Spain, the world No 2, in the final. "I have been working out 5½ hours a day during December and I have lost quite a lot of weight," Graf said. "I am almost 100 per cent fit."

Luckman on target

SHOOTING: Andrew Luckman, of Surrey University and Somerset County, added to his credentials for a place in the Fairfield Great Britain rifle team for next year's world championship by holding the lead for a second day in the New Zealand Queen's Prize at Trentham yesterday. He scored 197 for a second time to pull one point in front of Bill Tabor, of the United States, who had been level on the first day. The qualifying rounds will be completed today, with 20 Britons expected among the 50 finalists.

Britons accept for BOC Challenge

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

MARK Gatehouse, the second-placed monohull finisher in last year's Teesside Round Britain Race, was one of eight British yachtsmen to confirm their entries yesterday in the fourth BOC Challenge solo round the world race which starts from Charleston, South Carolina, in September.

Gatehouse will sail *Queen Anne's Battery Marina*, which the Frenchman Philippe Jeantot sailed to victory in the 1986 BOC circumnavigation. He is racing in the premier 60-foot class along with fellow Briton Josh Hall, who hopes to buy the Spanish entry *BBV*, sailed by José Ugarte four years ago.

Another planning a class one entry is Whitbread veteran Bob Salmon, who says he has put his name forward "to prove to my crew that I am not a redundant element".

The race will see the return of veteran BOC addict Harry Mitchell, a retired car mechanic from Portsmouth, who will be making his third attempt at completing the race.

During the 1986-87 event, Mitchell lost his bearings south of New Zealand and beached his yacht. Four years ago his luck ran out shortly after leaving England when he collided with a ship en route to the start at Newport.

Nigel Rowe, a director of the BOC group, whose sponsorship vision led to the first solo race in 1982, is cutting his ties with the company to take part.

Rowe has entered his 48-footer *Sky Catcher*. "I feel a bit like a gamekeeper turned poacher, but I intend to complete the race," he said.

Another entrant with a long association with the event is Robin Davie, a merchant seaman from Cornwall. He failed to raise the funds to compete in 1986 but put to sea as a tug captain to fund his 1990 entry. He is back again, motivated by the desire to better his circumnavigation time.

Two other British entries are from first-timers — Barry Ruff sailing *Rage* and Chanaih Vaughan with his yacht *Jimroda II*.



Andretti warns Mansell

BY OLIVER HOLT

MARIO Andretti began the mental preparation for what he maintains will be the last season of an illustrious career that has spanned more than a quarter of a century by warning his team-mate, Nigel Mansell, yesterday that he would not give him the same amount of help as last year, when the Briton overshadowed him and won the Indy Car series at his first attempt.

Andretti, at his most urbane and effusive as he arrived in Birmingham to open the Autosport International Show, said he had done "the decent thing" last year as Mansell's colleague in the Newman-Haas team by helping him get used to the daunting oval tracks that dominate the competition.

"Last season, I was asked to do certain things because he was unable to either because of injury or unfamiliarity, and I did it," Andretti said. "I like to think I helped him to a degree, but whether he thinks that I do not know.

"I would like to see him contribute more in testing next season where as before he could not. It will be different for him next season and harder for him to retain the title than it was winning it."

Wiberg completes glorious comeback

FROM DAVID POWELL IN MORZINE

A YEAR to the day since leaving for hospital in an ambulance with an injury so serious that it ended her season, Pernilla Wiberg yesterday produced a startling run to win a World Cup slalom here.

"Just like Stenmark," the man from *Expressen*, Scandinavia's largest daily paper, said. "He was able to come from one and a half seconds behind."

Yesterday, in the very discipline which devastated her a year ago, the one tearing her right Achilles tendon when she caught a gate, she came from one and a half seconds behind; more in fact.

After the first run, Wiberg trailed Patricia Chauvet, a Frenchwoman endeavouring to win on home snow, by 1.64sec. Vreni Schneider, the World Cup slalom champion, was 0.79sec ahead; Anita Wachter, the overall World Cup champion and leader, was 0.64sec in the distance.

The Swede, who was eighth after the morning run, produced skiing theatre on the scale that football enjoyed in England on Tuesday evening, when Liverpool drew from 3-0 down against Manchester United.

"Happy anniversary Pernilla," a well-wisher shouted, mindful of her terrible injury in Maribor, Slovenia, 12 months earlier.

For three months her leg was in a brace; for another two she was on crutches and it was August before she dared step on skis. "I trained all the time; swimming, cycling," Wiberg said in her near word-perfect English. "I began cycling on one leg two days after I was injured. It was awful, so boring. I had to think about the Olympics to keep myself going."

The Olympics are next month, in Lillehammer, and Sweden is counting on Wiberg to see its national flag raised in Norway for Alpine skiing. Wiberg's victory here not only strengthened her lead in the slalom World Cup, and saw Wachter's advantage in the overall reduced to 16 points, it also showed how her confidence is growing.

"Maybe I will do four events at the Olympics," Wiberg said. Downhill is her weakness but her spirit is willing. "If I think I have a chance to win a medal I will do it," she added.

She will appreciate the man from *Expressen* comparing her with Ingemar Stenmark. Only the day before she had been talking of the part that Stenmark had played in helping develop her enthusiasm for skiing. "In sport you need an idol to look up to and Stenmark was mine," Wiberg had said. "I was a big fan of his; whole factories would stop work when he was skiing."

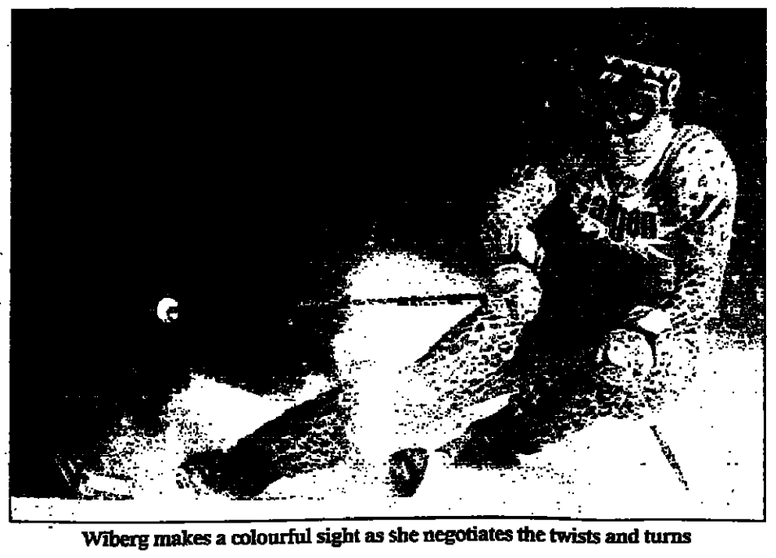
In Lillehammer next month factories may stop for Wiberg and *Expressen* may think twice before repeating the premature gimmick it performed during the 1992 Albertville Olympics. Against the judgment of the sports editor, the news editor ordered two pages to be left blank on one day. Except for a line across the top: "These pages were reserved for our reports of the success of the Swedish team," it read. At the bottom was written: "There were none." Then Wiberg won the giant slalom.

She is a woman of many talents, all now set aside for her skiing. At music school for six years, she learnt to sing and play the piano. "My teacher told me I should be a concert pianist," Wiberg said. Until the age of 18 she competed in club athletics, a five metres long jumper and a fair sprint hurdler.

In 1991 she made a record. Wiberg thought it was good; the critics' view was such that she probably wishes their pages had been left blank. "It didn't sell much," she admitted.

Stenmark won two Olympic and three world titles, all in slalom and giant slalom. He was at his peak when Wiberg joined the junior squad. His advice to her? "Your poles are too long." Wiberg's response? "I'm not changing, I like them."

She knows what she wants and she knows how to get it. One world and one Olympic giant slalom title to her credit already, Wiberg, 23, is on her way, perhaps, to outscoring Stenmark. The Olympics next month will show whether she is up to it.



Wiberg makes a colourful sight as she negotiates the twists and turns

RESULTS

1, P Wiberg (Swe) 1min 49.39sec; 2, V Schneider (Switz) 1:49.43; 3, P Chauvet (Fr) 1:49.47; 4, D Compagnoni (It) 1:50.57; 5, M Kjoerstad (Nor) 1:50.77; 6, U Hrovat (Slovenia) 1:50.80; 7, M Ertl (Ger) 1:50.99; 8, C Von Gruenigen (Switz) 1:50.92; 9, H Gerg (Ger) 1:51.23; 10, A Coberger (NZ) 1:51.56; 11, M Vogt (Ger) 1:51.87; 12, A Wachter (Austria) 1:51.99. World Cup positions: Slalom: 1, Wiberg 330pts; 2, Schneider 280; 3, Wachter 156; 4, M Gallizio (It) 149, 5, Von Gruenigen 134; 6, Hrovat 126; 7, K Andersson (Swe) 116; 8, Chauvet 107; 9, Ertl 89; 10, R Goetschi (Austria) 82. Overall: 1, Wachter 646; 2, Wiberg 630; 3, Schneider 598; 4, Compagnoni 474; 5, U Maier (Austria) 421; 6, Ertl 345; 7, K Seizinger (Ger) 319; 8, Goetschi 295; 9, Gallizio 293; 10, B Perez (It) 245

Smoke-filled world of pints and differing passions



FREUD ON FRIDAY

JULIAN HERBERT



The action brings a vociferous section of the crowd to its feet during the world darts championship at the Lakeside Club in Frimley Green

There is something engagingly predictable about the sites of global competitions. The crabbing championship of the world is held at Walberswick on the Suffolk coast, where there are probably more crabs accustomed to being caught, examined and thrown back into the mud than anywhere.

The world Cresta Run championship, a sport described as "the ultimate laxative", takes place at St Moritz, for there is no other run.

The world chess championship was played at the Savoy Theatre in London, because this enterprising newspaper chose it as the venue — and got it right. The crowds were dense.

(I have a friend, a theatrical impresario, who sent a production of *Tales of the Vienna Woods* to the Alhambra Theatre in Bradford. On the second night of the musical he telephoned his front-of-house manager to find out how it was going. "Well," said the man, "it is going about as well as *Tales of the Bradford Woods* would go in Vienna". My impresario friend got it wrong.)

The Embassy World Darts Championship, a knock-out competition for 32 qualifiers, is held at the Lakeside Club in Frimley Green — a village which one feels has got to be closer to the M3 motorway than the RAC signs indicate. Every ticket was sold before the first session — so they got it right also.

The place is large and smoky, filled with people sitting at ten-seater tables, from many of which five can see the stage and the other five have to twist their necks. While one wonders how long it will take them to think of turning the tables 90 degrees, one has to admire the presentation of minimalist sport, like darts or embroidery, to delight a huge live audience.

At Lakeside, they do it with televisual aids and noise. If the people at the back cannot see the screens (nobody's eyesight is good enough to see where the darts hit the board), everyone can hear what goes on. "Best of order," shouts a man wearing a blue bow-tie, possibly not realising that he has a powerful microphone. "Game on, Kevin to throw first." And the crowd ceases to murmur "Rhubarb, Mrs Siddons" and leans forward. Who are they?

You can understand the desire of talented players to compete for five-figure prizes and of course their fathers and their mothers and their cousins and their wives should be there, but only four matches are played per session and eight dartists into an audience of over a thousand is a statistic to alarm the family planning people.

By common consent, they go for the atmosphere and the drink and the fact that they can smoke. They represent most trades in the *Yellow Pages* and have brought their partners.

At the first table I sit next to a gas-pipe layer from Portsmouth. He came to the final last year, enjoyed it, bought £33-worth of tickets to attend every session this time. He thinks his consumption is about nine or ten pints an evening. "That is here. I have a few cheap pints on the way." A service engineer for a refrigerator company sits on the other side; he has come with his girlfriend, who has shoulder-length hair and looks bored. She is not bored. She is programmed to give a well-mannered cheer for 140, stand up and wave for maximum scores and fetch drinks: pints for him, Coca-Cola for her. Her man plays darts three times a week in competitions for his pub.

Does she watch him?

No, she plays for the women's team.

Are there no mixed teams?

Occasionally women are good enough to play with the men.

Are there gay teams?

They look shocked, they do not think so. Suburbia rules OK.

Two middle-aged sisters sit at a small gangway table, one is drinking gin and orange, the other beer. Both say that this is the week in the year they really enjoy.

Why?

It is the atmosphere, the friendliness, getting to know people, and as we talk a player scores 180 and they rise to their feet and smile at the world in general. They like Bobby George best. George wears a glittering Batman cape studded with sequins. The most unlikely people shout "Come on Bobby" when he scores under 60, cheer just about every other score, and go wild when he wins a leg.

A youngish woman with a 90in waistline, one who would last you all your life if you were careful, walks up and down the aisle in excitement. She eats crisps... two packets during one game.

In the near corner is a food counter where one can buy good-looking sausages, scampi, steaks and chicken with chips and peas. In the other corner, a refreshment bar displays a plastic, battery-run chef, who nods his head and waves a knife and looks like Bob Monkhouse with Denis Healey eyebrows. Next to him is Coral's the bookmaker who offers odds on the eventual winner and on the outcome of each match: Steve Beaton, the No 1 seed, is 8-15 to win his first-round game against Nick Gedney by 3 legs to 0. Gedney wins 3-2: this was available at 11-1. Are there any big bettors? I ask the woman behind the Coral desk. She is sworn to secrecy, tells me that it would not be right to disclose confidential information such as that.

But you take sizeable bets — like £100? She said she would take £1,000.

In the back row a teenage girl is draped on the lap of a teenage boy. They have their arms around each other waiting for the man in the blue bow-tie to shout "One hundred and aaaaayteee" so that they can bounce up and down in the general euphoria.

Clearly there are many reasons for going to the championship... but if you want to know exactly what goes on, BBC2's coverage in the privacy of your own sitting room is best, even though it disqualifies you from bringing a passive smoking action against the Lakeside Club.

Germany return to familiar ground

ANKE Huber and Bernd Karbacher followed the success of Steffi Graf and Michael Stich last year by reaching the final of the Hopman Cup in Perth yesterday. The less-famous German combination both extended their 100 per cent singles records at the event as they respectively beat the Austrians, Judith Wiesner and Alex Antonitsch, to ensure an appearance in the final against the Czech Republic tomorrow.

Huber survived a shaky second set to beat Wiesner 6-2, 1-6, 6-2 before Karbacher, the man who ended Ivan Lendl's tournament in the quarter-finals, recovered from 5-2 and 0-40 in the first set to beat Antonitsch 7-6, 6-2.

Karbacher, 25, is ranked in the fifties on the men's world list but is building an impressive portfolio of victories against the likes of Lendl, Boris Becker and Michael Chang. Antonitsch, though, was a totally different proposition, a lesser-known figure very familiar with the German's game. Indeed, the pair have been practising and eating together throughout the event.

"I didn't think I could lose the set at 5-2 and 0-40, but it was a strange game," Antonitsch, who wasted four set points in all, said. "Having seen him play Lendl, I was waiting for 'boom-boom', but it didn't happen."

In the end Karbacher was simply relieved to reach the final: "I didn't expect to get to the final when I saw the draw and heard Lendl was playing," he said. "Now we're there, it's a nice feeling."

Huber played her least impressive match of the week, but was still able to find a way past Wiesner in the final set. She took a 2-0 lead, was immediately pegged back to 2-2 but then reeled off the last four games of the match without reply.

"She played very well in the second set and I just let it go," Huber, who has already enjoyed wins over fellow top 15 players Mary Joe Fernandez and Amanda Coetzer this week, said. "I wasn't really concentrating and I was a bit tired after practising for a long time out in the sun yesterday."

Germany's chances of upsetting the top-seeded Czechs in the final may well rest on Huber defeating the Jana Novotna, the Wimbledon singles finalist. It will be their sixth meeting, with Huber aiming to square the series at 3-3.

England keep faith with injured pair

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

KYRAN Bracken and Jeremy Guscott, neither of whom have played since November, received every encouragement yesterday to make a swift return to fitness by their inclusion in England's rugby union training squad for the five nations' championship. They were named among a party of 24 which will gather on January 15, while their four rivals do battle in Paris and Cardiff.

Bracken, the Bristol scrum half, has not been able to play since his ankle ligaments were damaged by Jamie Joseph's stamp during the England-New Zealand international on November 27. Clearly, if he does not play before January is out he cannot be considered for England's first championship match, against Scotland at Murrayfield on February 5: indeed, he may not be fit enough to train in nine days' time. But he deserves the incentive.

Guscott has managed only three games all season because of a pelvic problem, and the England management is willing to give him as long as he requires to regain full fitness, whether that be during the championship or in time for the tour to South Africa in May. His international worth is well established, and while Philip de Glanville, his centre colleague at Bath, is available the management can afford a protective attitude to Guscott.

There is only one amendment to the squad that prepared for the international against the All Blacks. Martin Bayfield returns at lock and John Olver, his captain at Northampton, retreats, possibly to the ranks of the A squad against Italy on February 5 in Piacenza. Bayfield, who was England's third long-term injury worry, made a successful return to club duty last weekend. Geoff Cooke, the England manager, will watch him in league action against Leicester tomorrow.

If Bayfield comes through successfully it will present England with a problem — whether to pick him against the Scots and trust that he will have recovered full match fitness, or to stand by the faithful Nigel Redman, who played so well against New Zealand but has himself missed the last month while recovering from elbow operations.

Graham Dawe is as close as he has been for many a year to adding to his four England caps won in 1987. He and Brian Moore are the two hookers named, Olver having dropped from the frame, and the Cornishman's form at 34 has been as consistent as ever this season. Only on Monday, after leading the South-West to the divisional championship, Dawe confirmed his desire to win more England caps and thereby eradicate memories of the Welsh international of 1987, when he was one of four players subsequently suspended by the Rugby Football Union.

Dawe and his Bath colleagues will rest this weekend, tomorrow's home league match against Bristol at the Recreation Ground having been postponed. The River Avon, alongside the ground, is now so high that water cannot drain from the playing surface. Sand is being spread on the pitch in the hope that it will have recovered in time for the Pilkington Cup tie, also against Bristol, on January 22. A midweek date in late March or early April is likely to be set aside for the league game.

Bath's second XV match has also been called off, which will ensure that Andy Reed, recalled to the Scotland squad this week, cannot have any meaningful match practise before the team to play Wales is named on Sunday.

Reed, the British Isles lock, has played only two first-team games for Bath this season, after operations to both his knees, and it would be a desperate selection gamble to play him at Cardiff.

ENGLAND SQUAD

BACKS: J Callard (Bath), I Hunter (Northampton), R Underwood (RAF/Leicester), T Underwood (Leicester), W Carling (Harlequins), P de Glanville (Bath), J Guscott (Bath), R Andrew (Wasps), S Barnes (Bath), K Bracken (Bristol), D Morris (Orrell)

FORWARDS: J Leonard (Harlequins), G Rowntree (Leicester), V Ubogu (Bath), G Dawe (Bath), B Moore (Harlequins), M Bayfield (Northampton), M Johnson (Leicester), N Redman (Bath), N Back (Leicester), B Clarke (Bath), J Hall (Bath), D Richards (Leicester), T Rodber (Northampton)

ASSOCIATED SPORTS



Dawe is challenging hard to regain the international place he lost in 1987

Crutchley smiles as Spanish slip up

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN BARCELONA

IF THE Great Britain hockey team had come to Spain in search of warm, sunny weather in which to begin their preparations for the year ahead, they were disappointed yesterday. They opened 1994 against a backdrop of umbrellas and raincoats at the Polo Club in Barcelona with a 2-1 defeat of the host nation in a match that preceded the three nations' tournament between Britain, Spain and Belgium that begins today.

The conditions, though, were clearly not going to disrupt the British team and within 33sec of the start of yesterday's game, the ball was safely lodged in the Spanish net, hastily put there by Robert Crutchley, with support from Don Williams and Robert Thompson. In the thirteenth minute, Thompson ran through a forest of legs and sticks and released the ball to Williams who flicked it into the net for a 2-0 lead.

For 20 minutes the Spaniards were eclipsed, but, with Britain making changes, the home team discovered the route to goal. Seven minutes into the second half, Juan Escarre scored on the follow-up from a short corner. There was more trouble for Britain when Rowan Davis left the field with a cut over his right eye. Spain were denied an equaliser in the last minute when Luckes saved well from Jose Ejarque. The teams meet in the tournament proper on Sunday, with Britain due to play Belgium today.

Without Paul Bolland, Crutchley and Thompson, who were playing for Britain, Hounslow lost 1-0 to the Polo Club in the Los Reyes tournament. Tito Ferran scored for the host club from a short corner late in the first half, but despite all the inspiration from Mike Williamson, David Hasker and Nick Gordon, Hounslow could not reply.

SPAIN: R Juliass, J Ejarque, S Arnal, R Sala, X Guerrao, P Garcia, J Dineras, J Garcia-Maurino (captain), J Escarre, D Freixa, X Arnau, Substitutes: O Bonera, X Molina.

GREAT BRITAIN: S Mason (Firebrands), P Bolland (Hounslow), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), J Laskett (Teddington), Sohal Singh (Southgate), M Sutton (Boatswale), D Williams (Havant), J Shaw (Southgate, captain), R Thompson (Mounteagle), R Garcia (Polo Club, Barcelona), R Crutchley (Hounslow). Substitutes: D Luckes (East Grinstead), C Mayes (Cannock), P McGuire (Teddington), R Davis (Harlequin Magpies).

Umpires: B Mol (Holl), W Jocelyn (Bolt).

RESULTS: Training match: Spain 1 Great Britain 2. Los Reyes Tournament: Barcelona Polo Club 1 Hounslow 0. Justicia: Mens Polo Club 2 Kingston Grammar School 2. Women: Atletico Terrassa 1 (bt) 2 King's Canterbury 1. Veterans: Bloemendaal (Holl) 6 Gran Reserva (Sp) 3. Juniors: Men: FC Barcelona 7, King's Canterbury 2.

Welsh must associate with formula for success



GERALD DAVIES

Rugby Commentary

Lack of success means a team leads a life under siege. Such is the scrutiny that no one can feel safe. So it is that the Welsh team, in the middle of a three-day training stint in preparation for the match against Scotland in Cardiff a week tomorrow, is engulfed with questions after the defeat by Canada in November. It would appear that the captain is not immune to this particular contagion.

Ieuan Evans, who will lead Wales for the sixteenth time, has come in for a good deal of criticism since the last match. It is felt that, as captain, it was his duty to change the team's tactics instead of pursuing those that Canada easily accommodated.

Captaincy of a team is a delicate matter. To choose the right man is as much a matter of chance as of perspicacity. No prototype can be manufactured, but a set of ideal characteristics can be drawn: courage, knowledge, integrity, strength of character, will power, respect, etc.

These requirements may look impressive on paper, but their embodiment is not easily translated into flesh and blood. There is no formula. Whatever balance of these qualities a player has, and one quality may easily outweigh another in the curious chemistry which adds up to a personality, getting the players to respond is the trick.

One recent captain held his place primarily because he was good value as a "turn" at the party afterwards. He gelled the spirit of a team; but it did not last long.

Mervyn Davies, the great Welsh No 8 whose selection was undisputed but who was a man of few words, led determinedly from the front. If he went where many would initially fear to tread, then his team, once he had beaten a path, would instinctively follow. Only winning by the most straightforward methods was worth contemplating.

John Dawes, on the other hand, whose presence in the Wales team was not universally accepted to begin with, since he did not comply with the Welsh public's dream of a sprinting, jinking centre, was a hidden persuader as a captain. His understanding of rugby was of a superior kind and he communicated it well to his team. He was the professor whose lectures every student attended.

But to lumber Evans with the burden of Wales's failure in November is hardly justifiable in a team game which, though relying on collective effort, equally relies on individuals in key positions.

A captain can only draw broad outlines of tactics: the experience of other players must determine the immediate course. If Wales set such store by its stand-off half, then the responsibility is delegated to him and to a lesser extent to his inside partner, to guide the way. In the England team, Carling, I would imagine, has but marginal influence on Andrew, even though they are positionally close.

A hint here and a strong word there now and again from the captain is all that is required. It should not matter that Evans is on the wing and is seen to be isolated. Although New Zealand rarely go beyond their forwards for their leader, his position is the least important of a captain's characteristics.

The Welsh team's failure to establish a foothold on the ladder of success can absorb the team's energy. Evans tries his best to counteract this; there is not the sense of paranoia that can often afflict a captain in his position. This is of benefit. If sincerity and integrity are his strong points, he leads by example on the field.

He did so against England last year when he scored an improbable but dramatic try. Later, he repeated it against Ireland. That the team failed to follow in this latter game and drive home for the victory, was not Evans's fault but rather the immaturity, perhaps, or the inability or the lack of will of the others. That the fighting spirit was missing was someone else's responsibility.

Hall family chases double dream embracing two sports

Loyal support for Satin Lover

By Julian Muscat



ED BYRNE

Satin Lover rounded off his preparation for Ireland with a fine workout at Southwell last weekend

"HOWAY the lads." This famous rallying cry of the North East will once more echo across St James' Park as Newcastle United Football Club kick off their FA Cup campaign tomorrow with the visit of Coventry City.

Some 20 minutes before kick-off, in his box high in the stands, Douglas Hall, the Newcastle director and son of Sir John, the club's chairman, will doubtless be chanting the same mantra as his Satin Lover bids for The Ladbroke, a valuable televised handicap hurdle run at Leopardstown. It would set up the possibility of a dream double if Satin Lover could pull it off.

That the horse is fancied for this £60,000-added contest becomes obvious the minute you talk to his trainer, Nigel Tinkler, who has had his eye on the race ever since the weights were framed five weeks ago. For the Irish handicapper has been far more lenient in his treatment of Satin Lover, the winner of six races last season, than has his British counterpart.

On confirmation of the horse's favourable racing weight, 10st 9lb, Hall struck a decent bet at 20-1 and the Malton trainer set about bringing him to concert pitch. He sent out Satin Lover to run second in the Lonesome Glory Hurdle at Cheltenham before turning him out again at Ascot three weeks ago. It was the latter run that highlighted his chance tomorrow.

The task of conceding 12lb to Absalom's Lady, one of the season's most improved performers, proved beyond Satin Lover, who finished second, beaten five lengths.

In third place, seven lengths adrift of Satin Lover, came Kilcash, who renews rivalry at Leopardstown. Kilcash, beaten a head in The Ladbroke last season, will meet Satin Lover on 7lb worse terms, which leads Tinkler to believe his horse is the one to beat. He is not alone, either. The deluge of backing for Satin Lover has been of similar proportions to the recent rains.

It is significant that the gamble on Satin Lover, down to 10-1 with the sponsors, did not gain momentum until after the horse completed his fast exercise in a racecourse gallop at Southwell on Saturday. "It was a great bit of work," Tinkler said. "He went very nicely and we are confident as we can be before a race of this calibre."

Tinkler's proviso about the race's calibre is as much a reference to the quality of the field as to the likely size of it. Plain good fortune, and a generous helping of it, is a prerequisite for victory in what is certain to be another huge turnout. And that, coupled with the inherent strains in travelling racehorses, is the reason why British-trained runners have landed but two from the 17 runnings of this cut-throat handicap.

"The fast pace shouldn't be a problem," Tinkler ventured. "It will be the usual cavalry charge, but I won't be giving Graham McCourt any riding instructions. I'll leave it up to him," he said, before adding with a chuckle: "That way I can always blame him if things go wrong."

Precious little has gone wrong for the Halls since they invested some of their property development fortune into their beloved football team. If the club's chosen manager, Kevin Keegan, represented a glamour appointment, then Douglas Hall's chosen racehorse trainer registers at the other end of the scale. Nevertheless, Tinkler has done almost as well for his patron as Keegan has for Newcastle United.

Hall's full-time recruitment to the ranks of racehorse owners hinged on his life-long desire to win the Northumberland Plate, a race deeply embedded in the Tyneside tradition and run each year at Newcastle racecourse. Hence his eve-of-race purchase of Satin Lover, who carried Hall's black and white stripped racing silks to an honourable third place in June 1992.

Since then Hall has bought two more horses outright and taken shares in two others. It remains to be seen whether he invests in racing on the same scale as in his other great passion but, if Satin Lover obliges tomorrow, he will surely need deep pockets to cover the bar bill long after the night has descended at St James' Park.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: THREE STRONG
(12.30 Edinburgh)

Next best: Sonsie Mo
(3.00 Edinburgh)

Sandown fixture under threat

PROSPECTS of a full racing programme taking place tomorrow hinge on today's weather. Sandown soaked up a quarter of an inch of rain on Wednesday night and was subjected to another downpour yesterday.

The clerk of the course, Nick Cheyne, said yesterday: "There are one or two places causing concern. We intend to hold a precautionary inspection at 10am tomorrow."

There is a brighter outlook for Haydock. Clerk of the course, Philip Arkwright, reported yesterday: "There was a frost last night and we're monitoring the situation, but the course would have been raceable today."

Hopes are high that the Leopardstown meeting, featuring Ireland's richest handicap hurdle, The Ladbroke, will go ahead tomorrow. Snow fell on the course yesterday, but the forecast is for a rise in temperatures. Frost is a problem at Warwick but any inspection is likely to be held over until tomorrow morning.

Lemon Souffle on road to recovery after skin graft

By Rodney Masters

LEMON Souffle, one of last season's top juvenile fillies, is recovering from a skin-graft operation at the Valley Equine Hospital in Lambourn. The treatment, carried out on Wednesday morning, was deemed necessary in order to complete the filly's rehabilitation following an injury she received when finishing third in the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket on September 29.

Lemon Souffle was struck into when making her challenge that day, suffering an ugly gash to the flesh and tendon of her off-hind leg. The tendon damage was limited by the rapid assistance of a local vet. The flesh wound, however, was slower to heal, and had continued to cause concern.

Jenny Hall, a spokeswoman for Valley Equine Hospital, said yesterday: "The flap of skin which was torn away when the incident took place all died as the tendon healed, so it was decided to help speed up Lemon Souffle's recovery with a skin graft.

"The operation was carried out by a medically-qualified [in human, rather than animal, surgery] consultant from Oxfordshire and, as far as we can tell at this early stage, it has been successful. But it will be a while before we can be sure, and complete rest is required in the days after the operation."

Lord Carnarvon, Lemon Souffle's owner, is delighted by the treatment that his filly has been receiving. "The whole team at the hospital has been absolutely marvellous," he said.

"They tell me that Lemon Souffle could be back at Highclere by the beginning of next week and, if all continues to go well, back in training at Richard Hannon's at the end of this month."

Lemon Souffle, ante-post favourite for the 1,000 Guineas before the injury, earned her place at the head of the market with four consecutive victories, including an impressive four-length defeat of Spain Lane in the group one Moyglare Stud Stakes at the Curragh.

Carnarvon added: "Despite her defeat in the Cheveley Park, I shall be disappointed if she is not rated the top juvenile filly when the International Classifications are published next week. However, I would like to make it clear to everybody who has followed her career with such interest that the Guineas is not the be-all and end-all for her. There is the rest of the season to consider, and the most important thing right now is Lemon Souffle's future welfare."

Levy Board requests replacement fixtures

THE Levy Board yesterday invited the British Horseracing Board (BHB) to arrange ten replacement fixtures as soon as possible. A spate of recent losses due to the weather has taken the total number of fixtures called off since April 1 last year to 41.

That figure exceeds by one the Levy Board's annual budget for such losses. The extra fixtures, for which slots must be found by the BHB's race planning department, are most likely to be jump meetings, with the majority being scheduled for February.

Rodney Brack, chief executive of the Levy Board, said: "The Board makes allowance in its financial year budget for 40 abandonments, so beyond that we start to save money against our budget."

The replacement fixtures will attract the Levy Board's usual basic daily rates for prize-money, the level of which depends on the racecourse concerned, plus the normal fixture incentive payments. One extra fixture has already been announced by the BHB this year, an all-weather Flat meeting at Southwell on Monday.

Dearing sparks debate on physical education

By John Goodbody

SPORT and physical education officials yesterday expressed their regret that the report by Sir Ron Dearing into the national curriculum will not increase the amount of activity for state school pupils.

Although the Sports Council yesterday welcomed the report's announcement that physical education will be compulsory for the whole of a pupil's career in state schools, it lamented the fact that so little time will be allocated to acquire a wide variety of physical skills. Pupils at secondary schools in the United Kingdom already do less physical education than their contemporaries in most other European countries.

The review by Sir Ron, the chairman of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, which was published on Wednesday, proposed that five per cent of teaching time — between one and one and a quarter hours a week — should be allocated to physical education.

Professor Margaret Talbot, who was a member of the government's working party on physical education, praised the standard of the teaching in Britain and said that the primary and secondary schools have a higher percentage of well-equipped indoor halls than any other country.

Trevor Brooking, a Sports Council member and former international footballer, said that one or one and a quarter hours a week did not compare well with the rest of Europe: "Our task now must be to convince teachers, governors and parents to make physical education a priority in the 20 per cent discretionary timetabling space available to schools," he said. "PE is important from day one as part of an education."

Dick Fisher, of the Physical Education Association (PEA) said that a survey of European countries showed that, on average, pupils were undergoing one and a half hours of physical education a week in British state schools. This compared with two hours in countries like Poland, Lithuania, Italy, Finland and Belgium, two and a half hours in Holland and Germany and three hours in Spain, Portugal, Hungary, Austria and Norway.

Duncan Goodhew, the 1980 Olympic breaststroke champion, said that he was worried that the government's wish that all schoolchildren should be able to swim a minimum of 25 metres by the age of 11 might turn to maximum of 25 metres. He said this might not be adequate if a child got into difficulties in open water.

Hampshire event takes centre stage

By Richard Eaton

A RADICAL plan to help restore English badminton to its glories of a decade ago approaches a climax with the gathering of most of the country's leading players at the Hampshire Open at the Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth, today and tomorrow.

England was arguably the second strongest nation in the world in 1984, and one reason for its decline since has been that the country's competitors on the world circuit have become separated from the aspiring players below them, making it harder for promising youngsters to make the grade. *The next two days will* be an important part of an attempt to bridge that gap with a domestic grand prix.

Funding to play in overseas tournaments from the Badminton Association of England is in jeopardy for anyone failing to participate in either the Hampshire or Lancashire Opens and the English national rankings, which can affect contracts and endorsements, will be read directly from the points table at the end of this new British circuit. It includes the English national championships, the Surrey Open, the Scottish Open and the Welsh and Irish international tournaments.

As a result, the Hampshire event includes Darren Hall, the former European champion, Gillian Gowers, a World Cup winner in mixed doubles, and of Gill Clark, England's most-capped woman player. Also participating is Joanne Muggeridge, whose rivalry with the English national champion, Suzanne Louis-Lane, could provide one of the tournament's highlights.

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12.30 Three Strong. 1.00 Classic Contact. 1.30 Cheeky Pot. 2.00 SILVER AGE (nap). 2.30 Regal Aura. 3.00 Sonsie Mo. 3.30 Caribbean Surfer.

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12.30 LOTHIANS RACING SYNDICATE MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,029: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

1 3332 ASTRALEON 18 R Allan 6-11-10 — B Storey 95
2 0 BIT OF LIGHT 62 R Lamb 7-11-10 — J Burke (5) —
3 0-00 CHALKIEFORT 18 W Kemp 5-11-10 — K Jones —
4 4 DOUBLE STANDARDS 56 C Parker 6-11-10 — C Grant 87
5 0- MURID 84F R Lamb 5-11-10 — P Niven —
6 405 OAKLEY 32 D Smith 5-11-10 — P Waggott (5) 84
7 0620 RED TEMPEST 18 J Goldie 6-11-10 — F Perratt (5) 89
8 3- SUNKALA SHINE 263F Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-10 — M Dwyer 91
9 0-14 THREE STRONG 32 (F) J Johnson 5-11-10 — A Maguire 94
10 00-P LADYSBELOU 8 M Barnes 6-11-5 — A Dobbin —
11 P-U MISS TINO 8 Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-5 — P Williams (5) —
12 -563 TITAN GIRL 28 (B) Miss L Siddall 5-11-5 — A Thornton (3) [illegible]
13 23 OUTSET 9 M Hammond 4-10-11 — Mr C Bonner (7) 96
14 RAGING THUNDER 185F J Hellens 4-10-11 — T Reed —
15 00 RAVENSPUR 22F (B) J Parkes 4-10-11 — N Smith —

5-2 Three Strong, 9-2 Astraleon, 5-1 Sunkala Shine, 6-1 Outset, 8-1 Titan Girl, 10-1 Raging Thunder, 14-1 Double Standards, Oakley, 16-1 others.

1.00 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT TAMEROSIA NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,411: 2m 4f) (8)

1 -114 CAPITAL PUNISHMENT 59 (BF,D,F,G) M Hammond 8-12-0 — C Grant [illegible]
2 111U CLASSIC CONTACT 16 (D,F,G) N Mason 8-12-0 — J Callaghan 98
3 0-0U ALIAS GRAY 58 Mrs S Taylor 7-11-6 — D Bentley (5) —
4 F/F3 MOW CREEK 27 Mrs S Bradburne 10-11-6 — P Williams (5) 78
5 5 QUALITY ASSURED 18 T Carr 9-11-6 — T Reed 81
6 -PU5 HIGHRYMER 27 J Threadgall 10-11-1 — Mr A Parker (7) —
7 0FP- OVER THE ISLAND 274 J Johnson 6-11-1 — A Maguire —
8 P-P0 SUPREME BLUSHER 13 W Kemp 7-11-1 — K Jones —

11-10 Classic Contact, 13-8 Capital Punishment, 10-1 Mow Creek, 12-1 Over The Island, 14-1 Quality Assured, 16-1 Alias Gray, 25-1 others.

1.30 BROUGHTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,306: 2m) (13)

1 6-26 TAPATCH 27 (CD,F,G) G Moore 6-12-0 — J Callaghan 98
2 2422 SRIVIJAYA 65 (BF,D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-12-0 — P Niven 97
3 1-06 FAMILY LINE 21 (D,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 6-11-7 — A Maguire 91
4 2211 RELUCTANT SUITOR 32 (CD,F,G) M Hammond 5-11-7 — D Bentley (5) 89
5 1/26 RICHARDSON 30 (BF,D,F) Jimmy FitzGerald 7-11-6 — M Dwyer 92
6 1620 CHEEKY POT 22 (B,C,D,F,S) D Smith 6-10-8 — P Waggott (5) [illegible]
7 6003 HYPNOTIST 18 (D,G,S) W Bentley 7-10-8 — N Bentley (3) 94
8 4562 J P MORGAN 7 (V,CD,G) M Naughton 6-10-4 — T Jenks (5) 93
9 -804 CURTAIN FACTORY 37 (B,D,G) M H Easterby 5-10-2 — L Wyer 95
10 4004 SAOIRSE 7 (D,F,S) D Moffatt 6-10-2 — D J Moffatt (3) 95
11 8-14 LEGITIM 18 (CD,F) J Jefferson 5-10-0 — G Tormey (7) 94
12 8062 JOHN NAMAN 18 (CD,G) M Barnes 5-10-0 — A Dobbin 92
13 P-03 BEACH PATROL 18 Mrs S Taylor 8-10-0 — D Byrne 79

5-2 Reluctant Suitor, 5-1 Legitim, 13-2 Richardson, 7-1 Tapatch, 8-1 Srivijaya, 10-1 Cheeky Pot, 12-1 Family Line, Hypnotist, John Naman, 14-1 J P Morgan, Curtain Factory, 20-1 Saoirse, 33-1 Beach Patrol.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Southwell: 3.50 Noble Measure.

2.00 AUCHENGRAY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,320: 3m) (11)

1 00P THE LOBBYMAN 4 W Reed 8-12-0 — T Reed —
2 60P1 QUIET MONEY 16 (D,S) M Hammond 7-11-10 — C Grant 85
3 /22- FIRST LORD 455 (G,S) Mrs V Aconley 8-11-9 — P Niven 91
4 022F SILVER AGE 8 (B) J Bradley 8-11-4 — R Farrant (3) 93
5 P0-0 TRAVEL BOUND 21 J Parkes 9-11-2 — A Dobbin 75
6 40U4 JUNIORS CHOICE 16 (BF) J Threadgall 11-10-11 — Mr A Parker (7) [illegible]
7 5P4F MASTER MISCHIEF 9 (B) F Walton 7-10-10 — R Hodge 91
8 003F RUSHING BURN 27 J Charlton 8-10-9 — B Storey 75
9 0U2F MAUREEN'S FANCY 21 J Parkes 9-10-8 — N Smith —
10 -060 DONEGAL STYLE 78 J Johnson 6-10-7 — A Maguire —
11 00FP PANTO LADY 18 Mrs K Lamb 8-10-0 — Miss S Lamb (7) —

5-2 Silver Age, 4-1 Juniors Choice, 5-1 First Lord, 6-1 Quiet Money, 13-2 Rushing Burn, 7-1 Master Mischief, 10-1 Maureen's Fancy, 12-1 others.

2.30 HARCROS SCOTTISH JUVENILE HURDLE (4-Y-O: Qualifier: £2,295: 2m) (9)

1 1131 REGAL AURA 18 (CD,G) G Moore 11-10 — J Callaghan 98
2 4 BEND SABLE 18 F Storey 11-0 — B Storey 95
3 5 COMMANCHE CREEK 132 J Hellens 11-0 — C Grant 72
4 62 GENSERIC 84 T Tate 11-0 — R Garritty [illegible]
5 PANTHER 67F J Hetherton 10-10 — A Maguire —
6 64 CORNFLAKE 32 D Smith 10-9 — P Waggott (5) 87
7 00 DIXIE HIGHWAY 37 Mrs E Slack 10-9 — N Leach (5) —
8 P KEEN AND CLEAN 20 D Moffatt 10-9 — D J Moffatt (3) —
9 3FP SYLVAN STARLIGHT 20 J Bradley 10-9 — R Farrant (3) 82

13-8 Regal Aura, 2-1 Genseric, 13-2 Cornflake, 10-1 Commanche Creek, 12-1 Bend Sable, Panther, 20-1 Keen And Clean, Sylvan Starlight, 33-1 Dixie Highway.

3.00 PATHEAD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,262: 2m) (7)

1 3312 MAUDLINS CROSS 27 (CD,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 9-12-0 — G Lee 94
2 2311 SONSIE MO 27 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 9-11-7 — P Williams [illegible]
3 F222 ONE FOR THE POT 9 (D,F,G,S) M Naughton 9-11-7 — T Jenks 98
4 P4-2 HAPPY BREED 21 (B,S) M H Easterby 11-10-11 — A Thornton 98
5 23-4 KAMART 21 (F) (D) M Barnes 6-10-1 — A Dobbin 90
6 260- COSMIC RAY 203F (F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 9-10-1 — C Woodall 92
7 U225 PRESSURE GAME 32 (D,F) B Mactaggart 11-10-0 — F Perratt 92

15-8 Sonsie Mo, 3-1 Maudlins Cross, 7-2 Happy Breed, 5-1 One For The Pot, 8-1 Kamart, 16-1 Cosmic Ray, 20-1 Pressure Game.

3.30 FIRST OF MANY NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,723: 2m) (14)

1 41- MANETTIA 270 (G) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-12 — M Herrington (7) —
2 BILLY BUOYANT F Walton 5-11-10 — Mr A Robson —
3 BISHOPS CASTLE T Carr 6-11-10 — M Clarke (7) —
4 0 CARIBBEAN SURFER 55 (BF) Miss L Perratt 5-11-10 — A Dobbin —
5 0 HELP YOURSELF 27 R Collins 5-11-10 — P Carr (7) —
6 R4 KING CREOLE 20 J Berry 5-11-10 — S Haworth (7) —
7 RIGHT TERM J Johnson 5-11-10 — M Molloy (7) —
8 2 SEAHAWK RETRIEVER 16 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-10 — G Tormey (7) —
9 SHILDON Denys Smith 5-11-10 — P Waggott (5) —
10 46- SLAUGHT SON 290 R Fisher 5-11-10 — A Thornton (3) —
11 ONE LAST CHANCE R Allan 5-11-5 — F Melrose (7) —
12 BENBEATH M Hammond 4-11-0 — D Bentley (5) —
13 CALL EQUINAME D Eddy 4-11-0 — F Perratt (5) —
14 TRUE TALENT M Hammond 4-10-9 — Mr C Bonner (7) —

5-2 Caribbean Surfer, 3-1 Manettia, 5-1 Seahawk Retriever, 6-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 15 winners from 43 runners, 34.9%; J Hellens, 3 from 9, 33.3%; J Jefferson, 3 from 11, 27.3%; G Moore, 6 from 27, 22.2%; M Hammond 11 from 52, 21.2%; D Smith 8 from 38, 21.1%.

JOCKEYS: J Burke, 4 winners from 15 rides, 26.7%; P Niven, 20 from 86, 23.3%; C Grant, 25 from 108, 23.1%; M Dwyer, 18 from 81, 22.2%, T Reed, 21 from 99, 21.2%; R Hodge, 8 from 38, 21.1%.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

12.50 Queens Consul. 1.20 Dame Prospect. 1.50 No Submission. 2.20 Jolly Swagman. 2.50 Cazanove's Pet. 3.20 Tempering. 3.50 Pontynyswen.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.50 JUST GREENWICH.

GOING: STANDARD — SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.50 STAFFORDSHIRE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £3,688: 7f) (10 runners)

101 (5) 00/0- DISTANT SPRING 45 (A Collins) J Harris 4-9-12 — J Quinn —
102 (3) 50- CRAMONA 45 (Sefton Racing) E Alston 4-9-7 — S Knott (7) 67
103 (10) 02032-0 QUEENS CONSUL 6 (Miss H Dawson) B Rothwell 4-9-7 — Alex Greaves [illegible]
104 (6) 0/0- ROSE O'REILLY 287 (Castle Racing) E Alston 4-9-7 — A Clark —
105 (8) 453200- SWINGING TICH 22 (D Gregory) B McMahon 5-9-7 — A Mackay 78
106 (1) 00-0 YA MAI 6 (Market Rasen Racing Club) M Chapman 4-9-7 — D McCabe (5) —
107 (2) 62- AKABUSI 20 (S Hastings-Bass) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-8 — L Dettori 68
108 (9) 625-3 SURPRISE GUEST 6 (M Doyle) M Johnston 3-8-8 — J Weaver 87
109 (4) 0- GOVERNORS LADY 22 (Mrs A Mutch) R Hollinshead 3-8-3 — M Humphries (7) —
110 (7) 66- WHO'S CRYING NOW 199 (M Heygate-Browne) W G M Turner 3-8-3 — P McCabe (5) —

BETTING: 9-4 Akabusi, 5-2 Surprise Guest, Queens Consul, 8-1 Swinging Tich, 14-1 Governors Lady, Ya Mai, 16-1 Cramona, 20-1 Who's Crying Now, 33-1 Distant Spring, 33-1 Rose O'Reilly.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

DISTANT SPRING 19l 11th of 16 to Sense Of Priority in claimer here (AW, 6f), with CRAMONA (12lb better off) 6l 12th.
QUEENS CONSUL 14l 7th of 9 to Sharp Sensation in maiden here (AW, 1m 3f). Previously ½l 2nd of 9 to Flowing Ocean in maiden at Newcastle (1m, soft), with CRAMONA 16l 5th.
SWINGING TICH best effort last season when 1l 2nd of 21 to Ricky's Tornado in claimer at Leicester (6f, good to soft). AKABUSI short-head 2nd of 6 to Milos in maiden at Lingfield (AW, 7f). SURPRISE GUEST 4l 3rd of 6 to Maz in handicap over course and distance.
Selection: QUEENS CONSUL

1.20 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,873: 1m) (6 runners)

201 (6) 530211- QUEENS STROLLER 24 (C,G) (R Berenson) C C Elsey 9-7 — J Quinn 95
202 (1) 044021- JUST HARRY 24 (CD,G) (Miss L Shally) M Ryan 9-4 — D Biggs 96
203 (3) 504031- NORTHERN STORM 22 (B,CD,G) (D Emery) J Harris 9-2 — Paul Eddery 94
204 (5) 000000- NORDICO PRINCESS 10 (C,G) (J Graham) R Hollinshead 9-0 — L Dettori —
205 (2) 003555- DAME PROSPECT 22 (V) (Claremont Services) J Glover 8-5 — T Williams [illegible]
206 (4) 5006- AVONDALE ROSE 67 (B Rothwell) B Rothwell 8-0 — J Fanning 94

BETTING: 2-1 Queens Stroller, 9-4 Just Harry, 11-4 Northern Storm, 10-1 Dame Prospect, Nordico Princess, 16-1 Avondale Rose.

FORM FOCUS

QUEENS STROLLER beat Warhurst 1l in 10-runner nursery here (AW, 7f). JUST HARRY beat Wiun's Pride 6l in 9-runner maiden over course and distance. *Previously* 6l 2nd of 14 to Chief Executive in nursery here (AW, 7f), with DAME PROSPECT (12lb better off) about 5¼l 5th.
NORTHERN STORM beat Upper Grosvenor 1½l in 13-runner claimer over course and distance, with DAME PROSPECT (8lb better off) 17l 5th. NORDICO PRINCESS 12l last of 9 to Random in nursery *at Lingfield* (AW, 5f).
AVONDALE ROSE 18l 6th of 10 to In A Moment in maiden here (AW, 6f).
Selection: QUEENS STROLLER

1.50 LEICESTERSHIRE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,243: 1m) (16 runners)

301 (4) 1/00/00- NIGHT FANTASY 10 (Mrs J Green) N Waller 6-9-1 — S Dawson —
302 (16) 000300- YUNUS EMRE 23 (V,C,G) (Elite Racing Club) J Arnold 4-9-1 — C Rutter 68
303 (15) 101100- DORAZINE 73 (CD,F,G,S) (C Hill) C Hill 4-9-0 — A Clark 95
304 (1) 040920- NO SUBMISSION 22 (CD,G,S) (T Redman) D Chapman 8-9-0 — O Pears (3) 80
305 (12) 500062- PAIR OF JACKS 7 (G) (R Dalton) W Muir 4-8-11 — DOUBTFUL 94
306 (9) 400000- RED FAN 9J (B,C,G) (J Wynn-Williams) M Dods 4-8-9 — Dale Gibson 79
307 (8) 31426/0- EARLY STAR 57J (CD,G) (K Bishop) K Bishop 5-8-8 — Alex Greaves —
308 (2) 0/46030- VICTOR ROMEO 137 (V,F) (Mrs P Spicer) R Spicer 5-8-8 — D Wright (5) 60
309 (10) 245152- CLARIFICATION 77 (B,D,S) (Mrs S Hallam) J Wharton 4-8-7 — J Williams 87
310 (3) 6/24050- BOLD PURSUIT 24 (B,E,D,F) (J Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-8-6 — Paul Eddery [illegible]
311 (13) SUPER WIN (Mrs S Brown) J Carr 4-8-6 — W Newnes —
312 (11) 320040- JUVENARA 106J (CD,F,G) (T Forbes) A Forbes 8-8-4 — S D Williams 69
313 (6) 100500- AIR COMMAND 150 (G) (R Williams) D Burchell 4-8-3 — R Price 78
314 (7) 002110- ALWAYS RISKY 41 (D,G,S) (S Roots) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-2 — J Quinn 93
315 (5) 100000- TOP ONE 118 (D,F) (C Hill) C Hill 9-8-2 — G Bardwell 82
316 (14) 044364/ GYPSY LEGEND 7J (P Stanger) W G M Turner 4-8-0 — M Baird (7) —

BETTING: 9-2 No Submission, 5-1 Dorazine, Clarification, 6-1 Bold Pursuit, 8-1 Always Risky, 10-1 Juvenara, Yunus Emre, 14-1 Top One, 16-1 Air Command, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

DORAZINE best recent effort when beating Wannabe 2¾l in handicap at Sandown (1m, soft). NO SUBMISSION 3l 2nd to Tempering in amateurs claimer here (AW, 1m3f) on penultimate start. CLARIFICATION 1½l 2nd of 22 to Glowing Jade in apprentices' handicap at Doncaster (7f, good). JUVENARA about 4¼l 4th of 11 to Woodingforpeanuts in handicap here (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with YUNUS EMRE (6lb worse off) 5¾l 11th. ALWAYS RISKY beat Dead Calm ½l in claimer at Yarmouth (1m, good) on penultimate start. GYPSY LEGEND 5¼l 4th of 13 to Strike-A-Pose in seller at Wolverhampton (7f, good).
Selection: DORAZINE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Loder	7	20	35.0	Alex Greaves	56	256	21.9
Lord Huntingdon	17	75	22.7	J Weaver	8	39	20.5
M Ryan	14	67	20.9	L Dettori	12	64	18.8
R Spicer	12	61	19.7	M Tebbutt	9	51	17.6
C C Elsey	5	29	17.2	D Pears	14	85	16.5
S Woods	4	25	16.0	D Biggs	30	183	16.4

2.20 STAFFORDSHIRE MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £3,688: 7f) (10 runners)

401 (9) 050/400- RAD 23 (S Woods) S Woods 4-9-12 — W Woods 92
402 (2) 635000- SILVER STONE BOY 22 (Mrs J Addleshaw) W Barker 6-9-12 — S Webster 66
403 (6) TRAIL OF TEARS (W Haigh) W Haigh 4-9-12 — Dale Gibson —
404 (7) 654000- VENTURE FOURTH 52 (V Minnis) E Alston 5-9-12 — S Knott (7) 70
405 (1) 650404- DANCES WITH GOLD 109 (B Yeardley Continental Ltd) M Johnston 4-9-7 — J Weaver 82
406 (10) 520063- WESTERING 17 (Mrs J McAllister) J Harris 4-9-7 — J Quinn [illegible]
407 (5) 0 IN DEMAND 6 (M Charlton) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-8 — M Wigham 80
408 (8) 3- JOLLY SWAGMAN 24 (Lord Crawshaw) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-8 — L Dettori 89
409 (4) 0- KING OF THE HORSE 63 (P Tsang) D Loder 3-8-8 — M Tebbutt —
410 (3) 300540- CAPITAL LADY 122 (B Rothwell) B Rothwell 3-8-3 — J Fanning 87

BETTING: 6-4 Jolly Swagman, 3-1 Westering, 5-1 Dances With Gold, 6-1 King Of The Horse, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

RAD 5l 8th to Obsidian Grey in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 7f). SILVER STONE BOY 13l 11th to Make Mine A Double in conditions race here (AW, 6f). WESTERING 1¼l 3rd to Swift Spring in maiden at Lingfield (AW, 7f). IN DEMAND 15l 8th to Sea Devil in claimer here (AW, 6f). JOLLY SWAGMAN 7½l 3rd to Just Harry in maiden here (AW, 1m). CAPITAL LADY about 3¼l 4th to Sense Of Priority in claimer at Lingfield (AW, 7f).
Selection: IN DEMAND

2.50 LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,847: 6f) (7 runners)

501 (6) 04420- CROFT POOL 22 (Countrywide Classics) J Glover 9-7 — S D Williams 90
502 (3) 620-2 CAPTAIN CARAT 6 (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 9-2 — M Wigham 87
503 (7) 343311- JUST GREENWICH 10 (V,D,G) (Mrs E Dawson) P Evans 8-9 (7ex) — J Quinn [illegible]
504 (4) 004120- RED GRIT 20 (B,C,G) (C Wilson) M Dods 8-8 — S Webster 92
505 (1) 543362- WARWICK WARRIOR 30 (Patrick Haslam Racing Club) P Haslam 8-8 — J Weaver 92
506 (2) 35006-6 BRITANNIA MILLS 6 (A Mann) M Chapman 8-1 — D McCabe (5) 88
507 (5) 305024- CAZANOVE'S PET 24 (G Hall) G Bravery 7-12 — C Hawksley (7) 92

BETTING: 2-1 Just Greenwich, 7-2 Warwick Warrior, 5-1 Captain Carat, 6-1 Cazanove's Pet, 8-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

CROFT POOL head 2nd of 10 to Global Dancer in maiden over course and distance. CAPTAIN CARAT 3½l 2nd of 6 to Maz in handicap here (AW, 7f), with BRITANNIA MILLS 11½l last. JUST GREENWICH completed Wolverhampton double, beat Charlies Dream 1½l in 8-runner nursery (AW, 7f). RED GRIT 12l 2nd of 11 to Bold Alex in claimer over course and distance. WARWICK WARRIOR neck 2nd of 12 to Riskie Things in nursery at Lingfield (AW, 6f), with JUST GREENWICH (5lb worse off) 1½l 3rd. BRITANNIA MILLS 8¾l 6th of 16 to Muzz in maiden here (AW, 5f), with CROFT POOL (15lb worse off) neck 8th and CAPTAIN CARAT (5lb better off) 2l 11th. CAZANOVE'S PET 2l 2nd of 12 to Queens Stroller in nursery here (AW, 7f), with JUST GREENWICH (6lb worse off) about 2¼l 4th.
Selection: CROFT POOL

3.20 YORKSHIRE AMATEUR RIDERS CLAIMING STAKES (£2,243: 1m 3f) (10 runners)

601 (1) 10130-1 TEMPERING 6 (CD,F,G) (R Berenson) D Chapman 8-11-0 — Miss R Clark (5) [illegible]
602 (7) 004060- BREEZED WELL 135 (F,G) (Mrs H Noonan) B Cambidge 8-10-10 — Mrs H Noonan (5) 73
603 (3) 62124-3 LE TEMERAIRE 6 (CD,F,G) (D Douglas) N Tinkler 8-10-8 — Miss P Jones 91
604 (8) 505045- GOLD SURPRISE 94 (D,S) (J Calvert) S Kettlewell 5-10-6 — Mrs D Kettlewell (5) 93
605 (5) 0/00500- GREEN'S SEAGO 9J (C,G) (B Welch) J Harris 5-10-5 — M Mannish (5) —
606 (6) 306034- DIAMOND INTHE DARK 45 (V,F) (Mrs J Taylor) J Norton 6-10-4 — I Baker (5) 86
607 (10) 604300- MEXICAN DANCER 23 (B,S) (Hammond Pines) P Howling 5-10-1 — Mrs L Pearce 88
608 (9) 030000- LAZY RHYTHM 11J (G,S) (Mrs C Hirst) J Eyre 8-9-13 — Mrs C Hirst (5) 74
609 (4) 06040-0 SPORTING SPIRIT 3 (B,S) (P Kneafsey) D Chapman 4-9-10 — M Kneafsey (5) 60
610 (2) 138400- BARLEY CAKE 73 (F) (W Dobson) C Fairhurst 4-9-5 — Miss Diana Jones 64

BETTING: 6-4 Tempering, 4-1 Barley Cake, 6-1 Le Temeraire, 8-1 Diamond Inthe Dark, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

TEMPERING beat Irish Groom 12l in 4-runner handicap here (AW, 1m 4f), with LE TEMERAIRE (14lb better off) 5l 3rd. LE TEMERAIRE 7¼l 4th of 15 to Ann Hill in seller at Warwick (1m 3f, good to firm). GOLD SURPRISE about 6½l 5th to Sky Burst in claiming handicap at Warwick (1m 3f, heavy). DIAMOND INTHE DARK about 1¾l 3rd of 17 to Essayeffsee in selling handicap at Warwick (1m 2f, good). SPORTING SPIRIT best effort when 18½l 4th to Sol Rouge in amateurs' claimer over course and distance. BARLEY CAKE 2½l 4th of 11 to Kagram Queen in claimer at Redcar (1m 3f, good to soft), subsequently disqualified and placed last.
Selection: TEMPERING (nap)

3.50 DERBYSHIRE HANDICAP (£2,691: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

1 (1) 0/22/ LEMHILL 1030J (D,F,G,S) (Miss L Walker) N Walker 12-10-0 — S Dawson —
2 (8) 000504- ROYAL CITIZEN 22 (V,G) (J Bottomley) J Bottomley 5-9-9 — L Dettori 92
3 (4) 4140F0/ CHEQUERS 451 (G) (B Mosgrove) M Blanchard 5-9-7 — J Williams —
4 (5) 390310- EURYTHMIC 76 (D,S) (J Shack) M Ryan 4-9-4 — D Biggs 89
5 (13) 323303- WELL AND TRULY 22 (CD,G) (P Freeman) B McMahon 7-8-11 — A Mackay 93
6 (6) 212600- PREMIER DANCE 20 (D,F,G) (J Fox and Sons) D Haydn Jones 7-8-10 — S Whitworth 88
7 (3) 035006- MARATHIA 52 (S Woods) S Woods 4-8-10 — W Woods 86
8 (10) 000/6- PONTYNYSWEN 20J (J Thomas) D Burchell 6-8-9 — R Price —
9 (9) 40000-4 FLASHELLA 6 (J Johnson) J Hetherton 4-8-5 — N Carlisle [illegible]
10 (11) 421305- MASTER'S CROWN 22 (C,G) (M O'Toole) M Chapman 6-8-4 — D McCabe (5) 87
11 (2) 362320- BOROCAY 22 (Footballers' Racing Club) M Camacho 6-8-4 — L Charnock 87
12 (7) 34400U- NOBLE MEASURE 24 (V) (J Doxey) S Bowring 4-7-11 — J Quinn 94
13 (12) 06/0000- DOCTOR'S REMEDY 83J (D,F) (J Addison) Mrs J Jordan 8-7-9 — A Morris 84

BETTING: 7-2 Well And Truly, 9-2 Royal Citizen, 5-1 Flashella, 6-1 Pontynyswen, Premier Dance, 8-1 Eurythmic, 10-1 Master's Crown, 14-1 Lemhill, 16-1 Borocay, Marathia, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ROYAL CITIZEN 6l 4th of 9 to Holy Wanderer in handicap here (AW, 1m 3f). EURYTHMIC beat Qwesk neck in 20-runner claimer at Catterick (1m 4f, good to soft). WELL AND TRULY 3½l 3rd of 17 to Absalom's Pillar in handicap here (AW, 1m 6f), with MASTER'S CROWN 10½l 5th and BOROCAY (2lb better off) 13l 11th. MARATHIA about 8l 6th of 16 to Scottish Peak in claimer here (AW, 1m). PONTYNYSWEN 10l 6th of 13 to Hierarch in handicap over course and distance. FLASHELLA about 2l 4th of 9 to Sharp Sensation in handicap here (AW, 1m 3f). BOROCAY 2l 2nd of 9 to Persuasive in handicap at Hamilton (1m 3f, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: WELL AND TRULY

☐ Brian Meehan, who had a successful first season as a trainer last year with 14 winners from 20 horses, is to use Saxon House Stables in Lambourn to house some of his horses this season. The 26-year-old, who has doubled his string for the new campaign, said: "My own stable houses 26, so I needed a second yard. I approached Cath Walwyn over the possibility of leasing Saxon House, and she was only too willing to help."

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, CALOGAN (C Llewellyn, 10-1); 2, Musical Phone (M A Fitzgerald, 16-1); 3, Do Be Ware (A Thornton, 14-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Crackling Angels (pu), 5-2 No Word (5th), 14 Mrs Tweed (6th), 16 Mutual Benefit (4th), 20 Peter Martin Two, 33 Christian Soldier, Fair Rowenna. 10 ran. 2l, 20l, 6l, 3½l, 25l. B Smart at Lambourn. Tote: £15.50; £2.10, £2.50, £1.90. DF: £39.30. CSF: £137.92.

1.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, BEN ZABEEDY (G McCourt, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Sparkler Gebe (D O'Sullivan, 11-2); 3, Grog (J Osborne, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Joli's Great, 7 Frosty Reception (5th), 10 Lapaffa, 12 Saild (4th), 14 Moze Tidy, 20 War Beat (6th), 50 Bayford Prince, Brora Rose, 66 High Hagberg. 12 ran. Nk, ¾l, 15l, 3½l, 4l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £4.00; £1.20, £2.80, £2.70. DF: £16.40. CSF: £24.34.

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, ROYAL CIRCUS (D Bridgwater, 12-1); 2, Rarfy's Dream (J Twomey, 100-30 fav); 3, Lake Dominion (D Skyrme, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Ashdren (pu), 7 Bondaid, 9 Victory Anthem (4th), 10 Fanatical, 12 Ruth's Gamble, 14 Tel E Thon (5th), 20 Fluidity, Greenwine, 25 Stylish Gent, 33 Mill Burn (6th). 13 ran. 2½l, 7l, ¾l, hd, 2½l. P Hiatt at Banbury. Tote: £9.80; £2.70, £1.60, £2.50. DF: £36.00. Trio: £93.30. CSF: £49.03. Tricast: £248.07.

2.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, SAAHI (J Osborne, 4-5 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Busman (P McLoughlin, 8-4); 3, Nearly Honest (A Tory, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Road To Au Bon (6th), 14 Emallen (6th), 16 Rader Knight (4th), 25 Just Ballytoo (pu). 7 ran. 12l, 2½l, 12l, 5l, 15l. C Weedon at Chiddingfold. Tote: £1.70: £1.40, £1.40. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.18.

3.00 (2m 6f hdle) 1, JARRWAH (W Marston, 5-1 jt-fav); 2, Quelitair Memory (J McCarthy, 5-1 jt-fav); 3, Alreef (Guy Lewis, 5-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Norstock, 13-2 Carfax (5th), 9 Shimmering Scarlet, 10 Grabby Bill (6th), Seraphim (ur), 12 Jediah (4th), 14 Kalamoss (f), 20 Witoald (pu), 25 Laabas (f), 60 Milton Bryan (pu). 13 ran. ¾l, 15l, 8l, 3½l, ½l. J Spearing at Alcester. Tote: £7.20; £2.00, £2.40, £2.10. DF: £36.50. Trio: £19.60. CSF: £30.86. Tricast: £128.30.

The final two races were abandoned due to safety reasons.

Jackpot: £12,786.00.

Placepot: £65.70.

☐ Today's meeting at Towcester was called off after an early morning inspection yesterday. The course is waterlogged.

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An elated de Villiers, who took ten wickets in only his second Test match appearance, leads the celebrations after bowling Healy at the height of the rout

South Africa steal historic victory

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN SYDNEY

TEARS were shed unashamedly in both dressing-rooms here yesterday as this famous old ground witnessed a finish as astounding as any in its history. South Africa, written off by *all but themselves several times* during this taut second Test, won by five runs after dismissing Australia for 111 — uncannily the same total as when they lost at Headingley in 1981.

The match ended with the third ball of the last over before lunch, when Fanie de Villiers took his tenth wicket in only his second Test appearance. He was chaired from the field by ecstatic players and given a *standing ovation by 20,000 people* who had been admitted free to see the drama unfold, while up above in the executive rooms, the men who have guided South Africa back from isolation embraced emotionally.

Ali Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, emerged with his president, Krish Mackerdhuj, and said: "That has got to be the finest achievement *in our history. This team has come* through a series of misfortunes which would have destroyed many other sides. For them to win against such odds makes me very proud."

Kepler Wessels, the captain, whose personal misfortune was to be off the field with knee and hand injuries, described the victory as "sensational — undoubtedly the high point of my career".

And Peter Pollock, now chairman of selectors but a player under Bacher the last time these countries met, added in a shaking voice: "The *great thing was confidence. In the* changing-room before play, these guys actually believed they were going to win."

Australia had not lost a Sydney Test since England beat them twice here, 15 winters ago. South Africa had never previously won on the ground and, in the final analysis, they won now not because they had more ability but because they kept *their nerve better than vastly more* experienced opponents.

Needing only another 54 at the start of play, with six wickets in hand, Australia lost Allan Border to the fourth ball and then played with the fear and inhibitions of a team haunted by past failures. Not until Craig McDermott entered at No 10 to bat with his usual disrespect, was a serious attacking stroke ventured.

At 75 for eight it looked a hopeless cause, but McDermott so nearly turned the game, just as he had done in a similar finish in Adelaide a year ago, when he was out two runs short of a victory which would have clinched the series over the West Indies after a last-wicket stand of 40. This time, McDermott was left stranded, 29 not out, as the last two wickets fell with victory within reach. "It's Craig I feel really sorry for," said Border later, and nobody disagreed, even if Shane Warne also deserved sympathy for taking 12 wickets and still finishing on the beaten side.

There was the anticipation of something special from early morning, as the crowds streamed through the open gates in fierce sunshine. It seemed no day to be bowling fast, but for de Villiers and Allan Donald it was to be the day of the their lives.

Donald made the first and crucial incision in his opening over as Border played no stroke to a ball which dipped to clip his off bail. His dismissal stunned both the crowd and the Australian dressing-room, from where successive batsmen emerged to play as if paralysed by the pressure.

It must be stressed that this was a pitch of such vagaries that nobody, in five days, had made batting seem straightforward. It must also be said that the South African quick bowlers snapped and snarled pitilessly at the batsmen's heels. For all that, the odds favoured Australia and yet their approach was timid, almost submissive.

Even Mark Waugh was cowed, and had added only seven in 45 minutes when Donald dismissed him leg-before by hitting him on the boot with a yorker. Healy was greeted by a bouncer, which he avoided only with indignity and, in the following over, he played a jerky drive against de Villiers and was bowled.

Now, unbelievably, South Africa were into the tail. Warne somehow survived a shout for leg-before by de Villiers but justice was done later the over when Hansie Cronje ran him out with a direct hit from mid-off.

Cronje excelled as Wessels's deputy, resisting the urge to set over-attacking fields and exploiting the tension by denying the batsmen singles. With Damien Martyn so rigid with apprehension that he seemed quite unable to dispatch even the rare poor ball off the square, it was difficult to see where the required runs could come from until McDermott began to lay about him.

The first ball he faced from Donald was unceremoniously thrashed through cover for four, the fifth was square cut to the fence. These were the first boundaries of the day, after an hour's cricket, but still Martyn was unable to respond. In the next 11 overs, 35 were added for the ninth wicket and Martyn's share was three. Then, worst of all, he was out with only seven needed, driving Donald stiffly to cover with his feet rooted to the crease.

On Monday, Glenn McGrath had scored his first runs on his home ground and achieved a career-best. Few believed he could repeat the trick now and although, somehow, he negotiated four balls from Donald, and squirted a single, de Villiers needed only three to remove him, caught-and-bowled, securing victory and the man-of-the-match award. If anything else in his Test career matches this moment, he will be fortunate indeed.

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 169 (G Kirsten 67, S K Warne 7-56). Second innings 239 (J N Rhodes 76 not out; Warne 5-72).

AUSTRALIA: First innings 282 (M J Slater 92; P S de Villiers 4-80).

Second Innings

M J Slater b de Villiers	1
M A Taylor c Richardson b de Villiers	27
D C Boon c Kirsten b de Villiers	24
T B A May lbw b de Villiers	0
M E Waugh lbw b Donald	11
*A R Border b Donald	7
D R Martyn c Hudson b Donald	6
†I A Healy b de Villiers	1
S K Warne run out	1
C J McDermott not out	29
G D McGrath c and b de Villiers	1
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total	111

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-51, 3-51, 4-56, 5-63, 6-72, 7-73, 8-75, 9-110.

BOWLING: A A Donald 17-5-34-3; P S de Villiers 23.3-8-43-6, C R Matthews 6-5-9-0; P L Symcox 10-3-22-0.

Lathwell finds potential is not enough at highest level

Michael Henderson looks at the troubles affecting one talented young batsman on the England A tour of South Africa

Time and chance govern all, wrote Ecclesiastes, who obviously knew more about batting than he has ever been given credit for. In Mark Lathwell's case turn, turn, turn was a good precept on the way up, as he awaited that chance. Since being offered it, life has not turned out as well-wishers had hoped.

It is not stretching a point to suggest that the Somerset opening batsman, who turned 22 on Boxing Day, is approaching an important junction in his career. How he absorbs the lessons of failure will determine what sort of player he will eventually become, and at the moment he is failing — failing to make the most of a considerable talent.

Nobody wants to discourage the attacking instincts that brought him to prominence and led to two Test appearances against Australia last summer. People who had not watched him until then must have wondered what all the fuss was about and he has not yet retraced the thread that excited so many judges.

Those instincts are not much use if he is not at the crease long enough to follow them. He came on the England A team tour of South Africa to rebuild his reputation, yet, notwithstanding an innings of 83 against Transvaal in the first four-day match, he has looked astonishingly green. Indeed, confronted by the flight and guile spun of Derek Crookes at Durban, he was palpably out of his depth.

His last six innings have yielded 73 runs and in all proper cricket he has made 156. Even though comparisons are not always helpful, it must be noted that John Crawley, the Lancashire batsman, who has made 474 runs, has demonstrated such a superior technique against seam, swing and spin bowling that the two appear to be playing different games.

Crawley, praising his "quick hands", is fairer to Lathwell than many others. Hugh Morris, watching from the other end, is confounded by the lateness of his strokes. Nevertheless, by favouring the bottom hand so much and declining to move his feet, Lathwell is ill-prepared to defend the new ball when it moves about, as new balls do.

At Port Elizabeth, where he was out to a slip catch, and Cape Town, where he was out leg-before, his foot movement was non-existent. Presented with opportunities to drive Crookes through the offside in the second innings at Durban, Lathwell would not, or could not. It made painful viewing.

His loss of touch has now become a tour issue. Morris had discussed a revised batting order with Phil Neale, the tour manager, and Alan Wells, the vice-captain, with a view to moving Lathwell four places down, inviting Crawley to open and Adrian Dale to bat in his most comfortable position, at No 3.

An injury to Dale's right hand means that Lathwell will retain his place at the top of the order for the *match against Northern* Transvaal, which starts tomorrow. Jolly good. A switched-on, foot-adjusted Lathwell is worth persevering with. There are plenty of No 5s who can smack the old ball about, rather fewer



Lathwell: learning

openers who take people on when it is new and flying around the ears.

Colin Milburn did. David Green and John Jameson were not shy, either. None of them were small men and there is a suspicion that Lathwell, who is a thick-set lad, will eventually carry too much weight if he is not careful.

The important question, though, is how good does he want to be? Is he content to be a maker of dazzling sixties and seventies or will he dredge more out of that stand-offish exterior? Neil Burns, his team-mate at Somerset, detects a greater depth to his personality, in the manner of country boys down the ages.

Let's hope so, for his talent is not in doubt. It would be nice if he gave more of himself, smiled more, mixed more. Like Noel Coward's Mrs Wentworth-Brewster, he may discover that life is for living.

Bacher celebrates surprise success

Ali Bacher, the former South Africa captain, yesterday *hailed the victory over Australia* as his country's greatest performance. Bacher, the managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa and a prime mover in getting his country back on to the international stage, praised acting captain Hansie Cronje's team for their "courage, determination and character", adding: "It's the greatest performance by any South African team ever. We're all very proud of them."

Eddie Barlow, the all-rounder who played against *Australia 14 times in his 30* Tests, predicted the win when commentating on television. After victory was completed, he said: "The ingredients were there: first, there was a low score to chase; second, they had a day and a third to chase it and, third, there was the wicket. It was impossible to *score freely on, but South* Africa's bowlers were magnificent."

In South Africa, *The Star* newspaper said the victory was "sensational, perhaps the most famous in the country's history", while Radio 702, the country's largest independent radio station, had the victory as their top news story all morning and featured interviews with Cronje, who was standing in for the injured Kepler Wessels, and man-of-the-match Fanie de Villiers.

The South African Press Association said: "Any side that can bounce back from crippling injuries, umpteen dropped catches, some highly dubious umpiring decisions and still bundle the Aussies out for 111 must have something."

Border haunted by close encounters

FROM ALAN LEE

ALLAN Border sported a black eye and a bleak expression as he confessed the shortcomings of his team. "The most disappointing thing to me is that every time we get into these tight situations, we are almost expecting to lose," he said.

Border is a veteran of several such days, when the drama comes close to stopping a nation. He played at Headingley 13 years ago, when England followed on and won by 18 runs, and at Adelaide last year, when he was denied by one run the ambition of a winning series against West Indies. "One of these days, it would be nice to win a game like this," he said glumly.

"South Africa were superb and I warned everyone before the game what would happen if they got on top of us. But at drinks on the fourth morning, we had the game for the taking. We are all distraught to have lost it from there.

"Hindsight is a great thing, but maybe the way Craig McDermott batted might teach us a few lessons about how to approach these targets. We have got to back ourselves more — we batted a lot of overs and we weren't *going anywhere. We must be* more positive."

Border was rightly unhappy about the state of the Sydney pitch. "It was not a great wicket, even if it did produce a great game. Whether that is the sort of cricket you should see from a Test is questionable," he said.

Fanie de Villiers, South Africa's match-winning bowler, cheerfully agreed. "Anything could happen at any time on that pitch," he said. "So this morning we were telling each other it really only needed six balls to win us the game. We counted *down from there.*"

De Villiers, 29, spent a season in county cricket with Kent but admitted that the game might have lost him when South Africa's isolation seemed insoluble. "I had kind of given up and made family and work my priorities," he said. It can be taken as read that there are no such thoughts in his mind today.

Border's black eye, sustained while batting on Monday, will not keep him out of the World Series Cup matches against South Africa in Brisbane this weekend, for which Australia have dropped Mich*ael Slater and recalled Dean* Jones, 32, who has been out of the international side for a year.

Jones has an impressive one-day record, having scored more than 5,000 runs at an average of over 45. Slater, though, will assuredly return for the final Test, which starts in Adelaide on January 28.

Damien Martyn, who replaced the injured all-rounder, Steve Waugh, in the Test side, retains his place in the one-day squad. Waugh has been unable to convince the selectors that he is fit to bowl after tearing a hamstring.

TEST VICTORIES BY FEWEST RUNS

1 run	West Indies beat Australia	Adelaide	January 28, 1993
3 runs	Australia beat England	Old Trafford	July 26, 1902
3 runs	England beat Australia	Melbourne	December 30, 1932
5 runs	South Africa beat Australia	Sydney	January 6, 1994
6 runs	Australia beat England	Sydney	February 28, 1885
7 runs	Australia beat England	The Oval	August 29, 1882
10 runs	England beat Australia	Sydney	December 20, 1894

There have been two tied Tests — Australia v West Indies, Melbourne, 1960-1 and India v Australia, Madras, 1986-7 — and six instances of a team winning by one wicket.

Igglesden close to regaining fitness

BY SIMON WILDE

WITH only eight days to go before chocks away, all England's cricketers for the Caribbean yesterday declared themselves ready to be counted out for their mission into the sun. Whether they will all be around to be counted back will largely depend on where the West Indian artillery sets its sights.

The only member of the party whose fitness was still a cause for concern put those fears to rest over the past two days at Lilleshall, where the players had their final get-together before assembling at Gatwick. Alan Igglesden, who strained a side muscle three weeks ago during training in Portugal and has since had a bout of influenza, has begun bowling again and is reckoned to be 80 per cent fit. Further intensive training should see him back to full fitness before the team departs.

*Robin Smith, who under*went a shoulder operation in September, has also declared himself fit and his enthusiasm for the battles ahead is clear. The man who said a year ago, when confronted by an Indian attack containing three spinners, "give me Curtly Ambrose on a fast bouncy pitch any day" is about to get his wish. "I'm just hoping," he said yesterday, "that they don't shake a coconut tree and a black Shane Warne drops out."

Keith Fletcher, the England team manager, and Michael Atherton, the captain, were at pains yesterday to emphasise that if there is an injury among the batsmen the choice of a replacement remains open.

When the tour party was announced they appeared to indicate that Hugh Morris and Alan Wells were first in line for elevation from the A team touring South Africa. Now, it seems, there are no official standbys, which must increase the likelihood of John Crawley, who is in prolific form for the A team, being given the call. If a bowler is injured, A team reports suggest Mark Ilott and Martin McCague would be the candidates for promotion.

By demanding that there be two days between the fourth and fifth Test matches, the Test and County Cricket Board has made at least one improvement on the itinerary since 1990. Then, the 24-hour gap that divided England's heroic but doomed resistance on the last day in Bridgetown and their rapid surrender on the first day in Antigua had as much as anything to do with England's 2-1 series defeat.

Even now, though, two days — described by Tim Lamb, the TCCB cricket secretary, yesterday as a "normal" interval between Tests — is scarcely time enough to fly in a vital replacement.

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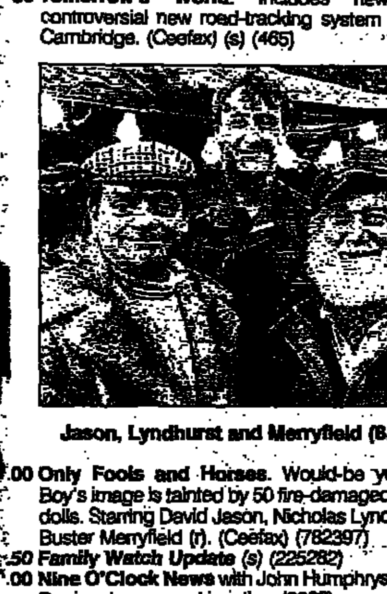
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BBC1

.00 **Business Breakfast** (51026)
.00 **BBC Breakfast News** (89581571)
.05 **Kilroy**. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a *topical subject* (s) (4507668) **9.45 Newshound**. Current affairs quiz hosted by Ross King (s) (1757533)
.00 **News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9955262) **10.05 Playdays**. For infants (s) (5004571)
.30 **Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick**. Weekday magazine introduced by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s) (61721484)
.15 **Pebble Mill** presented by Judi Spiers (s) (4371842) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (67596842)
.00 ***One O'Clock News*** (Ceefax) and weather (46533)
.30 **Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (13512571) **1.50 The Travel Quiz** introduced by Andi Peters (s) (26193113)
.20 **Holiday**. A repeat of Tuesday's 25th anniversary edition. Includes Jill Dando and Cliff *Michelmore in* Torremolinos, the venue of the programme's first resort report. (Ceefax) (s) (87591129) **2.50 The Flying Doctors**. *Medical* drama series set in the Australian outback. (Ceefax) (s) (6576303)
.35 **Cartoon** (7533303) **3.45 Open A Door**. The first of a series of stories without words from around the world, beginning with one from Canada (7786945) **3.50 Moomin**. A new series of animated adventures (6549571) **4.15 Jackanory**. Kevin Whateley with the last part of Anne Fine's *Bill's New Frock* (r) (1656649) **4.30 The Animals of Farthing Wood**. A new series of animated adventures. (Ceefax) (s) (9554668)
.55 **Newsround Extra**. The first of a new ten-part series following the life of a 12-year-old Muslim girl living in Sarajevo (8778842)
.10 **Grange Hill**. Secondary school drama serial. (Ceefax) (s) (1753216)
.35 **Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (199200). **Northern Ireland**: Inside Ulster
.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Peter Sissons and Jannie Bond. (Ceefax) Weather (129)
.30 **Regional News Magazines** (281). **Northern Ireland**: Neighbours
.00 **Family Watch**. A fly-on-the-wall look at life with the *Champney family from South Wirral (s) (1939)*
30 **Tomorrow's World**. Includes news of a controversial new road-tracking system on trial in Cambridge. (Ceefax) (s) (465)



Jason, Lyndhurst and Merryfield (8.00pm)

.00 **Only Fools and Horses**. Would-be yuppie Del Boy's image is tainted by 50 fire-damaged inflatable dolls. Starring David Jason, Nicholas Lyndhurst and Buster Merryfield (r). (Ceefax) (782397)
.50 ***Family Watch Update*** *(s) (225262)*
.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with John Humphrys. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (2262)
.30 **JFK: Reckless Youth**. The conclusion of the two-part drama based on the life of the young John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Starring Patrick Dempsey and Terry Kinney. (Ceefax) (s) (52858)
.00 **Film: Cahill – United States Marshal** (1973) starring John Wayne and George Kennedy. Western drama with Wayne a US marshal on the trail of the man who led his two neglected sons into a life of *crime. Directed by Andrew V. McLaglen (779228)*
.40am **Weather** (4392427)

BBC2

8.00 **Breakfast News** *(Ceefax) (5878561)*
8.15 **The History Man**. Bryan McNerney visits Pendennis Castle in Cornwall (r) (1247281)
8.20 **The Great North Road**. Lucinda Lambton unearths unexpected delights on the highway that links London to Edinburgh (r). (Ceefax) (5490262)
9.00 **FILM: The North Star** (1943, b/w) starring Anne Baxter, Farley Granger and Dana Andrews. Second World War drama directed by *Lewis Milestone* (17216397)
10.40 **FILM: Champion** (1949, b/w) starring Kirk Douglas. Drama following the fortunes of a ruthless and determined fighter. Regarded by some as one of the best boxing films ever made. Directed by Mark Robson (59739281)
12.15 **The Europeans**. France-based Britons (r) (6848262)
12.30 **Time To Dance**. A profile of Helen Lewis who has devoted her life to modern dance and theatre in *Northern Ireland (r) (9387804)*
1.20 **Charlie Chalk** (57503910) **1.35 Lock, Stock and Barrow**. Spitalfields market (r) (26181378)
2.00 **News** (Ceefax) and weather (15127910)
2.05 **Sport On Friday** featuring Ice Skating, Alpine Skiing, Darts and Football (s). Includes, at **3.00** and **3.50, News** (Ceefax) and weather (21666200)
5.00 **Catchword**. Word game (s) (5945)
5.30 **The Quest For the Rose** *(r). (Ceefax) (s) (858)*
6.00 **Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons**. Animated adventures. (Ceefax) (513587)
6.25 **The Man From UNCLE**. *(Ceefax) (227194)*
7.15 **The Chairmen**. Animation (352858)
7.30 **Manga!** A look at a popular but controversial new *style of animation from Japan (197)*
8.00 **What the Papers Say** with John Diamond, a columnist of *The Times* (748571)
8.15 **Dance for the Camera**. *The last in the series of four new dance works. Coleridge's poem, The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, adapted by choreographer William Tuckett and director Milfid Ellis. The verses* are read by Sir John Gielgud (749028)



Ruth Langsford looks at prize exhibits (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **The Great British Garden Show**. *(Ceefax) (s) (2736)*
9.00 **Red Dwarf** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2084)
9.30 CHOICE **Further Abroad**. (Ceefax) (s) (32281)
10.00 **Ice Skating**. The British Ice Dance championship from Sheffield. With Torvill and Dean among the competitors (12939)
10.30 **Newsnight**. (Ceefax) (161587)
11.15 **World Darts**. Semi-final action in the Embassy World Professional championship (s) (123736) **12.15am Weather** (8949408)
12.20 **FILM: Carnival of Souls** (1962, b/w) starring Candace Hilligoss. An eerie drama directed by Herk Harvey. (Ceefax) (5314514). Ends at **1.45**

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The knives are out for Martin Shaw (ITV, 9.00pm)

The Chief
ITV, 9.00pm
Now starting its fourth series and promoted to a ten-week run instead of six, the East Anglian police drama continues to score on its treatment of *internal politics*. The IRA are on the rampage and Chief Constable Alan Cade (*Martin Shaw*) is attacked by the press for not taking stronger action. The reason is *MI5*, which wants to hang back on the smaller fish in the hope of netting bigger ones. The tussle is charted with customary polish, though it is undermined by being intercut with unfinished business from the last series. This concerns the tedious and thinly-written relationship between Cade and his French girlfriend. The good news is that she has been offered a job in Tokyo. For the show's sake, let us hope she takes it.

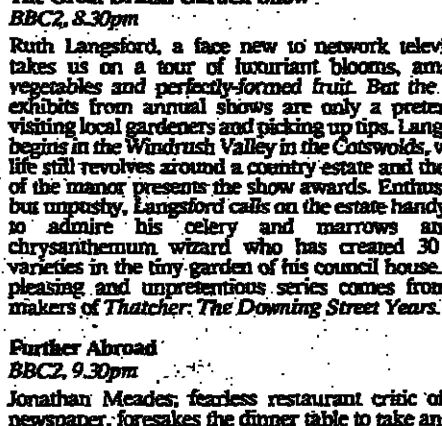
The Great British Garden Show
BBC2, 8.30pm
Ruth Langsford, a face new to network television, takes us on a tour of luxuriant blooms, amazing vegetables and *perfectly-formed fruit*. But the prize exhibits from annual shows are only a pretext for visiting local gardeners and picking up tips. Langsford begins *in the Windrush Valley in the Cotswolds*, where life still revolves around a country estate and the lord of the manor presents the show awards. Enthusiastic but unpushy, Langsford *calls on the estate handyman* to admire his celery and marrows and a chrysanthemum wizard who has created 30 new varieties in the tiny garden of his council house. This pleasing and unpretentious series comes from the makers of *Thatcher: The Downing Street Years*.

Further Abroad
BBC2, 9.30pm
Jonathan Meades, fearless restaurant critic of this newspaper, foresakes the dinner table to take another sideways glance at British architecture. It is architecture in the broadest sense with cathedrals, bridges and high-rise flats considered in the same breath as cable cars and fairground roller-coasters. Meades's theme is vertigo and a running gag is that he has no head for heights. What he does have, as readers of his column will know, is a facility for smart and crushing phrases. Whether or not you agree that "fairgrounds are legalised brothels that satisfy non-sexual appetites" you have to concede its originality. Utterances such as this, plus an array of visual jokes, *keep the show entertainingly on the road*.

The Unpleasant World of Penn and Teller
Channel 4, 10.30pm
Penn is the big burly one with a pony tail, Teller small and dapper and as silent as Harpo Marx. They are American magicians whose magic is definitely on the black side. Their opening gambit is to put haricot *beans into their mouths and have them pop out of their* eyes. A run-of-the-mill card trick ends in blood. But the pair are clever as well. Guest Stephen Fry gallantly observes *his watch being smashed to pieces, only to see* it reemerge intact in the most unlikely place. It is a hackneyed routine, given new life. But a swipe at Paul Daniels, and his wife/assistant Debbie McGhee, almost makes you want to leap to Daniels's defence. The best comic conjurer is still Tommy Cooper, and he did it with wit and not blood. Peter Waymark

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6.00 **GMTV** (1630129) **9.25 Win, Lose or Draw**. Parlour game show (6047620) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5080991)
10.00 **The Time . . . The Place**. Topical debate chaired by John Stapleton (s) (7362200)
10.35 **This Morning** Weekday magazine (61715823) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2525113)
12.30 **News** *(Teletext)* and weather (1613858) **12.55 Coronation Street** (r). (Teletext) (1525649) **1.25 Home and Away**. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (27855610)
1.55 **A Day in the Life: Hampstead Heath**. Desmond Wilcox explores one of London's best loved green areas (r) (13517026) **2.20 A Country Practice**. Australian medical drama (s) (87413397)
2.50 **Take the High Road** (3721842) **3.20 News** headlines (7421200) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7420571)
3.30 **The Magic House**. Stories and songs for younger viewers (7447552) **3.45 Cartoons** (s) (7699465) **3.55 ZZZAP!** Return of the television comic strip (6622858) **4.15 The Dreamstone**. Start of a new series of cartoons (2509194) **4.40 Just Us**. The first of a new series of the drama about step-families. (Teletext) (s) (7259755)
5.10 **Home and Away** (r). (Teletext) (5623755)
5.40 **News** (Teletext) and weather (447484)
6.00 **London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (24262)
7.00 **Celebrity Squares**. Bob Monkhouse returns with the celebrity quiz. Tonight the two contestants are helped by Hilary O'Neil, Carol Vorderman, Jim Bowen, John Lenahan, Danny Baker, Diane Bull, *Ross King, Annabel Croft and Doc Cox. (Teletext)* (s) (6007)
7.30 **Coronation Street**. (Teletext) (s) (533)
8.00 ***The Bill: Darkness Before Dawn***. Sergeant Boyden and Pc Page have to cope with the aftermath of a tragedy. (Teltext) (5755)

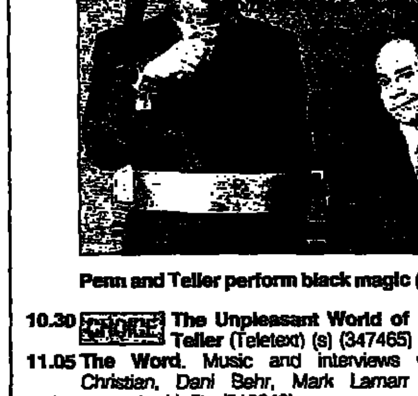


Decision time for Preston, McAuliffe (8.30pm)

8.30 **Surgical Spirit**. A *new* series of the hospital-based comedy. Will Sheila Sabatini accept Jonathan Haslam's marriage proposal? With Nichola *McAuliffe and Duncan Preston. (Teletext) (4262)*
9.00 CHOICE **The Chief**. (Teletext) (s) (4113)
10.00 ***News at Ten*** *(Teletext) and weather (90115)*
10.30 **FILM: Murder by Night** (1989) starring Robert Urich as an amnesia victim who is haunted by recurring dreams after discovering he is the sole witness to the latest in a string of murders. Directed by Paul Lynch (12471194)
12.10am **London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (3948999)
12.20 **Whale On**. Entertainment, debate and live music presented by James Whale (1271473)
1.20 **ITV Chart Show** includes a performance by the *Rolling Stones (s) (4671427)*
2.20 **World Trick Shot**. Snooker tips (7037224)
3.20 **The Highway Men**. Country and western concert *from the Aberdeen Exhibition Centre, featuring* Johnny Cash, Kris Kristofferson and Willie Nelson (8301885)
4.30 **Cinema, Cinema, Cinema**. The latest film news (10359)
5.00 **Riviera**. French drama series (77156)
5.30 **ITN Morning News** (32934). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL4

6.35 **Pole Position**. Animated adventures of a madcap car racing team (r) (5956303)
7.00 **The Big Breakfast**. Mike McShane is the guest on the breathless programme (69484)
9.00 **You Bet Your Life**. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (19842)
9.30 **FILM: Bond Street** (1948, b/w). Comedy drama *involving guests' preparations for a glittering society wedding in Bond Street. Directed by Gordon Parry* (77264)
11.30 **The World at Your Feet**. Virginia McKenna presents the last of the series of walks in the wilderness with a nine-day trek through the Himalayan region of Ladak. (Teletext) (73620)
12.30 **Sesame Street** with Robin Williams (79939)
1.30 **Take 5**. Classic programmes for the young: *Mr Men, Further Tales From the Riverbank, Natalie, Ivor the Engine* and *Joggy Bear* (r) (46484)
2.00 **FILM: Fortune is a Woman** (1956, b/w). Superior *thriller which mixes blackmail, forgery, fraud and* murder. Jack Hawkins is an insurance investigator who becomes involved with the beautiful woman, Arlene Dahl, whom he suspects of arson. Directed by Sidney Gilliat (784026)
3.45 **Bon Appetit**. Cartoon about greedy pigs (7697007)
3.55 **Profiles of Nature**. The tree squirrel family (4993736)
4.30 **Countdown**. Richard Whiteley presents the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (674)
5.00 **Cutting Edge**. A repeat of Monday's programme (Teletext) (6620)
6.00 **Blossom**. American comedy series. Nick is surprised when his ex-wife turns up and says she is *moving back to town. (Teletext) (s) (939)*
6.30 **Happy Days**. American comedy series set in the Fifties. (Teletext) (991)
7.00 **Channel 4 News** *with Jon Snow (Teletext) and* weather (600823)
7.50 **First Reaction**. A personal view from the world of *art or business. (s) (866281)*
8.00 **Short Stories: The Final Puff**. The story of one man's attempts to give up smoking after getting *through two packets a day for the past 45 years* (3397)
8.30 **Brookside**. (Teletext) (s) (2804)
9.00 ***Nature Perfected: The Landscaping of Britain***. The first of a 12-part series on how man has shaped the countryside. Bill Travers tells how Britain's 18th-century landlords brought a little bit of Italy to Wales and a touch of Holland to Gloucestershire. (Teletext) (8200)
9.30 **Cheers**. Diane is curious about the identity of the owner of a coat left in the bar. (r) (Teletext) (34649)
10.00 **Nurses**. American medical black comedy series. The new man in Gina's life secretly arranges an illegal deal with Jack. (Teletext) (s) (90197)



Penn and Teller perform black magic (10.30pm)

10.30 CHOICE **The Unpleasant World of Penn and Teller** (Teletext) (s) (347465)
11.05 **The Word**. Music and interviews with Terry *Christian, Dani Behr, Mark Lamarr and new* presenter Huffty (510649)
12.10am **FILM: King Creole** (1958, b/w). The best of the Elvis Presley *films begins a season of his movies.* He plays a street hustler who turns his rebel stance into a successful singing career. Directed by Michael Curtiz. (309446) Ends at **2.10**

RADIO 1

Stereo and **MW**. **4.00am** Neale ...es with the Early Breakfast Show ...l only) **7.00** Bruno Brookes **9.00** ...on Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** ...ki Brambles **3.00** Johnnie Walker in *Afternoon* **6.00** News '94 **6.30** Pete ...g's Essential Selection **10.00** John ...l **1.00-4.00am** Mark Tonderai (FM)

RADIO 2

... Stereo. **6.00am** Adrian Love **6.15** ...se for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy ...5 Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce ...30 Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Angela ...pon **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn ...0 Jameson at the Opera **7.30** Friday ...ht is Music Night **8.45** Comedy ...okcase: Tim Brooke-Taylor reads ...m A.G. MacDonell's *England Their* ...*gland*, about a village cricket match ...0 *Listen to the Band*: The ...ocksbridge Engineering Steels Band ...der Kevin Bolton **10.00** Radio 2 Arts ...*ogramme previews events planned to* ...*ebrate Manchester's Year of Drama* ...05am Digby Fairweather with Jazz ...ies **1.00-4.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5

...30am World Service **6.30** Morning ...ition **9.00** All in the Family: Health ...25 The AM Alternative **12.30pm** Over ...e Moon... Sick as a Parrot: Rory ...Grath referees a new football quiz ...10 The Crunch. **2.30** BFBS Worldwide ...05 John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** ...ICR **7.15** Bedknob and Broomstick ...nal part) **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix ...30 Teen Lurve: Don't Look Left, Look ...ght. Teenage love stories by Gareth ...illiams **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** ...ews, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

...l times in **GMT**. **4.30am** BBC English ...45 News and Press Review in German ...00 Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen ...30 Europe Today **6.00** News **6.15** The ...orld Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** ...ewsdesk **7.30** You Know It Makes ...ense **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith ...15 Music Review **9.00** News **9.05** ...orld Business Report **9.15** Global ...oncerns **9.30** On the Move **9.45** Sports ...oundup **10.00** News *10.01 Focus on* ...ath **10.30** The Music Works **11.00** ...ewsdesk. **11.30** BBC English **11.45** ...*ittagsmagazin Noon News* **12.10pm** ...ords of Faith **12.15** You Know It Makes ...ense **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** ...*ewshour 2.00* News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** ...ff the Shelf. *Off the Rails* **2.45** Global ...oncerns **3.00** News **3.15** Music Review ...00 *News* **4.15** BBC English **4.30** ...eute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** World ...usiness Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** ...ewsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** ...achrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** ...orld News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** ...he World Today **8.30** Europe Today. ...00 Newshour **10.00** News **10.15** ...eople and Politics **10.45** Sports ...oundup **11.00** World News **11.05** ...orld Business Report **11.15** Worldbrief **11.30** Multitrack 3 **Midnight** Newsdesk ...2.30am From the Weeklies **12.45** The ...earning World **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Short Story: Victor and the Egg **1.45** Jazz Now and Then **2.00** ...ewsdesk **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** ...ews **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** The ...*intage Chart Show* **4.00** News **4.15** ...ood Books

CLASSIC FM

...6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** ...unchtime Concerto: Vaughan Williams ...Oboe Concerto. Maurice Bourgue; ...nglish String Orchestra) **3.00** Petroc ...relawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** ...Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: ...Riccardo Chailly conducts Lalo (Cello ...Concerto in D minor). Bruckner (Sym...phony No 2 in C minor) **10.00** Jamie ...Crick **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Emperor Rosko **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (13517026) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (8092991) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (7420571) **5.10-5.40** Travel Trails (5623755) **6.00** Home And Away (437113) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (834533) **10.30** Anglia News And Weather (560939) **10.40** Film: The Little Drummer Girl (33201858) **1.05am** Whale On (4675243) **2.05** Get Wet (8867243) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (4723779) **3.35** Videofashion (83442175) **4.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (65446) **4.30-5.30** New Music (11972)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55 Shortland Street (13517026) **2.20-2.50** Material World (87413397) **3.25-3.30** Central News (7420571) *5.10-5.40* Movies, Games And Videos (5623755) **6.00** Home And Away (487113) **6.25-7.00** Central News (834533) **10.30** Central News (560939) **10:40** Central Weekend (5606303) **12.10am** Film: Dangerous Affection (827791) **1.50** Whale On (9889576) **2.50** Secret Services (4747359) *3.50 The Album Show* (2023243) **4.45** Challenge Of The Seas (97399446) **5.05-5.20** Night Shift (4025640)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55 Home And Away (1525649) **1.25** A Country Practice (89960620) **1.50** Take The High Road (26188281) **2.20** Microwave Master (87413397) **2.50-3.20** Sons And Daughters (3721842) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (7420571) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (5623755) **6.00** Home And Away (397) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (649) **10.30** Granada News (560939) **10.40** Film: Wild Geese II (33201858) **1.05am** Whale On (4675243) **2.05** Get Wet (8867243) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (4723779) **3.35** Videofashion (83442175) **4.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (65446) **4.30-5.30** New Music (11972)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (13517026) **2.20-2.50** Travel Trails (87413397) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (7420571) *6.00 HTV News & Weather (397)* **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (649) **10.30** HTV West News (560939) **10.40** Late And Live (5606303) **12.10am** Crime Story (6395507) **1.05** Whale On (4675243) **2.05** Get Wet (8867243) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (4723779) **3.35** Videofashion (83442175) **4.00** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (65446) **4.30-5.30** New Music (11972)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (397) **6.30-7.00** The Way We Were (649) **10.30** HTV Wales News & Weather (560939) **10.40** Swansea Festival (924587) **11.10** The Big Story (929688) **11.40-12.10pm** Coach

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 Meridian News & Weather (2525113) **1.55** A Country Practice (13517026) **2.20** Take The High Road (87413397) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street *(3721842)* ***6.00-7.00*** *Meridian Tonight* (24262) **10.30** Meridian News & Weather (560939) **10.40** Film: 10 (73378910) **12.55am** Whale On (2349786) **1.55** New Music (9815175) **2.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7035021) **3.25** Noisy Mothers (8700330) **4.25** Sprockets (2272408) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (77156)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (13517026) **2.20-3.10** Murder She Wrote (5758874) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (867736) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps 1994 (649) **10.40** Film: Lost Horizon (33201858) **1.05am** Whale On (4675243) **2.05** The Big E (7050175) **3.00** Film: The Dolly Sisters (98972) **5.00** The Twilight Zone (7511791) **5.20-5.30** Profile (4162601)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 Wish You Were Here..? (26187552) **2.25** Gardener's Diary (87412668) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (8522945) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (7420571) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (24262) **10.40** Bay (924587) **11.10** Film: The Cracker Factory (718755) **1.00am** My Story *(4974309) 1.05 Whale On (4675243) 2.05* Get Wet (8867243) **2.35** Noisy Mothers (4723779) **3.35** Videofashion (83442175) **4.00-5.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (53934)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice *(13517026) 2.20-3.10 Murder She Wrote* (5758874) **5.55** Calendar (867736) **6.30-7.00** Superchamps (649) **10.30** Calendar News (560939) **10.40** Film: Lost Horizon (33201858) **1.05am** Whale On (4675243) **2.05** The Big E (7050175) **3.00** Film: The Dolly Sisters (98972) **5.00-5.20** The Twilight Zone (7511791) *5.20-5.30 Profile (4162601)*

S4C
Starts: 8.00am The Big Breakfast (63262) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (19842) **9.30** Film: Bond Street (77264) **11.30** The World At Your Feet (73620) **12.30pm** Slot Meithrin (47113) *1.00 The Clangers (57518842) 1.15* Film: Guys And Dolls (71593129) **4.00** Slot 23 (2216) **5.00** A Different World (7113) **5.30** Countdown (246) **6.00** News (604303) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (400194) **6.25** Heno (938303) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (4649) **7.30** Jacpot (303) **8.00** Cefn Gwlad (3397) **8.30** Newyddion (2804) *9.00 Aria (2755) 10.00* Brookside (90197) **10.30** The Unpleasant World Of Penn And Teller (347465) **11.05** The Word (510649) **12.10am** Film: King Creole (309446)

RADIO 3

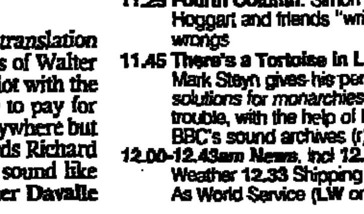
6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air: Mendelssohn (Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage); Elgar (The Swimmer, Sea Pictures); Bach (Violin Concerto in A minor, BWV 1041); Stanford (Irish Rhapsody No 1 in D minor); Respighi (The Birds); Mendelssohn (Song without Words, Op 19 No 6)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Elgar (Wild Bears, The Wand of Youth; Cello Concerto in E minor; Zut! Zut! Zut!; Soliloquy; Arthur's Passage to Avalon)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Krebs (In allen meinen Taten); Vaughan Williams (Three Shakespeare Songs); Strauss (Oboe Concerto); Purcell (Phoebus and the Four Seasons, the Fairy Queen); Liszt (Concert Study No 2, Gnomenreigen); Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C, Great); Vivaldi (Concerto *in F minor*, Winter)
12.00 Voices: Lucia Popp (r)
1.05pm North Wales Music Festival '93: Franz Schubert Quartet performs Mozart (String Quartet *in B flat*, Hunt, K458); Shostakovich (String Quartet No 13 in B flat minor, Op 138)
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: Jeunesses Musicales World Orchestra under Yakov Kreizberg performs Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor); Riemann (Seven Fragments, In memoriam Robert Schumann); Bartók (Concerto for Orchestra)
3.35 Songs of Spring: Schubert (Frühlingsfied; Frühlingsglaube; *Im Frühling; Frühlingssehnsucht*, Schwanengesang); Julian Philips (Now I lay me *down to dream of spring*)
4.30 From Lake Victoria to the Great Rift Valley: Traditional *music of western Kenya*
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson meets orchestral *percussionists Maggie Cotton*, Sam Walton and Gary Kettel
5.15 In Tune: Mozart (Overture, *The Magic Flute*); Milhaud (Suite d'après Corrette); Mozart (Serenade No 6 in D, K239); Rossini (Soirées musicales — selections)
7.30 Great Orchestras of the World: St Petersburg PO under Mariss Jansons performs Berlioz (Overture, Roman Carnival); Sibelius (*Violin Concerto in D minor*: Maxim Vengerov); Rachmaninov (Three Symphonic Dances, Op 45)
9.00 The Incomparable Max: Concluding the five-part adaptation of the memoirs of Max Beerbohm
9.15 Piano Duets: Isabel Beyer and Harvey Dagul play Pleyel (*Sonata in G minor*) and Ries (Grand Sonata in A minor, Op 160)
10.25 Dave Frishberg — In **Cabaret**: In the first of two recordings for Radio 3, the jazz pianist, composer and singer plays some of his most popular songs
10.45 Nureyev: Dance of Death. See Choice
11.30 Midnight Oil
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** *Thought for the Day* **8.40** The Magic of My Youth: The final selection of extracts from Arthur Calder Marshall's autobiography **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Dr Oliver Sacks (r)
9.45 This Land Was Made for You and Me: The film critic *Michael Medved* argues that Hollywood distorts the picture that most of us have of the United States
10.00-10.30 Dear Diary (FM only): Extracts for January 7
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Matthew (9/10) (r)
10.30 Woman's *Hour* from Manchester. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Food Programme 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) ***1.55*** *Shipping*
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Waverley (r). See Choice
3.00 News; Goodbye to All That: Deye. Simon Parkes visits creative communities around the world (1/4) (r)
3.30 Faith, Fact and Fiction: Rosemary Hartill looks at the turbulent political, literary and spiritual life of Dr Jonathan Swift, the 18th-century Dean of St Patrick's, Dublin (r)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope discusses the influence of Matisse
4.45 Short Story: According to Michael, by Evelyn Conlon
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places, with Janet Trewin and Peter Macann
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week
8.05 Any Questions? Among *Jonathan Dimbleby's guests in* Walsall are David Green, director of Voluntary Services *Overseas*; Charles Kennedy, MP, president of the Liberal Democrats; Brian Mawhinney, MP, Health Minister, and Hilary Armstrong, MP
8.50 Bright Sparks: Embryologist Dr Virginia Bolton (r)
9.15 Kaleidoscope Unplugged: The pick of 1993
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Changes of Address, by Lee Langley (8/8)
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical look back at the week's news
11.25 Fourth Column: Simon Hoggart and friends "write" wrongs
11.45 There's a Tortoise in Line: Mark Steyn gives his personal *solutions for monarchies in* trouble, with the help of the BBC's sound archives (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

Nureyev: Dance of Death. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*
A year and a day ago, Rudolf Nureyev died of Aids. The best that radio can do to reactivate this most visual of dancers is to use his voice, the voices of those who knew and worked with him, and the romantic music that fuelled his artistry. In a way, the lack of a visual dimension in Francine Stock's tribute to Nureyev works in its favour. We do not need to be reminded about what his dancing looked *like*. What we are told tonight is what the man himself was like when he was not engaged in dancing.

Classic Serial: Waverley. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*
Some Sassenachs may wish they had *instantaneous translation* facilities as they listen to a dramatisation by Roger Danes of Walter Scott's novel about an English captain who throws in his lot with the Jacobites. But this problem with accents is a small price to pay for authenticity. *Waverley* could not have been put together anywhere but a *Scottish studio*. Even the deer we hear thundering towards Richard Greenwood's eponymous hero at the end of episode one sound like genuine Scots venison on the hoof. Peter Davalle



CELEBRITY CHOICE.
SUNDAY 12PM.
CLASSIC fM 100-102

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (89385216) **8.40** Lamb Chops (7500129) **9.10** Cartoons (2142465) **9.30** Card Sharks (67945) **10.00** Concentration (2867945) **10.25** Dynamo Duck *(6214378) 10.30 Love at First Sight (37216)* **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (95823) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (55668) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (65533) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (66216) **2.00** Masada (63736) **3.00** Another World (6909303) **3.45** DJ Kat Show (2429910) **5.00** Star Trek. The Next Generation (4868) **6.00** Games World (4533) **6.30** Paradise Beach (8113) **7.00** Rescue (5587) **7.30** Growing Pains (4397) **8.00** WWF (21113) **9.00** Crime International (77804) **9.30** Code 3 (85397) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (11736) **11.00** The Untouchables (89216) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (20840) **1.00am** *Night Court* (97595) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (40175)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (95484) **9.30** Nightline (90007) **10.30** Memories of 1970-91 (59262) **11.30** Japan Business Today (22910) **12.30pm** News and Business (60378) **1.30** CBS This Morning (61007) **4.30** News and Business *(4910) 5.00 Live at Five (745656)* **7.30** FT Reports (37281) **9.30** Talkback (83939) **11.30** CBS News (56736) **12.30am** ABC News (59311) **1.30** Critical Earth (38175) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (51663) **3.30** Talkback (63408) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (65446) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (98514)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (5647281)
10.00 Paper Lion *(1968): George Plimpton* joins the Detroit Lions football team (76549)
12.00 Mara of the Wilderness (1965). Adam West tames a young girl (77939)
2.00pm Grayeagle (1978): A trapper (Ben Johnson) tracks the Indian who kidnapped his daughter. With Iron Eyes Cody (406674)
3.50 The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes (1970): Billy Wilder's spoof on the life of Conan Doyle's detective (35686228)
6.00 Once Upon a Crime (1992): Farce about Americans in Europe (15526945)
7.40 US Top Ten (884552)
8.00 Father of the Bride (1991): Remake of *the Spencer Tracy-Elizabeth Taylor classic*, with Steve Martin, Kimberly Williams (27397)
10.00 Defenseless (1991): Lawyer Barbara Hershey is a murder suspect (372842)
11.45 Operation Condor: Armour of God Part II (1992): Martial arts thriller (831465)
1.30 Men of Respect (1991): William Reilly's reworking of *Macbeth* (70327)
3.30 Beneath the Valley of the Ultra Vixens (1979). Adult comedy (520088). Ends at **5.05**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00am Scaramouche (1952): Swashbuckler starring Stewart Granger (60858)
8.00 Chisum (1970): Cattle baron John Wayne defends his land (85303)
10.00-12.00 Midnight Express (1978). An American is imprisoned in Turkey (71668)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Raiders of the Seven Seas (1953): John Payne falls for Donna Reed (26571)
8.00 Freddie as FR07 (1992): Cartoon about a frog in the 007 mould (58858)
10.00 Stalk the Wild Child (1976). A psychologist tries to tame a boy (87991)
12.00 And Your Name is Jonah *(1979)*: A deaf boy is mistakenly diagnosed as being mentally ill. With Sally Struthers (88281)
2.00pm Champagne Charlie *(1944, b/w).* Biopic of George Leybourne (19718)
4.00 Skylark (1992): Christopher Walken and Glenn Close live apart (4804)
6.00 Freddie as FR07 (as 8am) (13194)
8.00 Once Around (1990). romantic drama with Richard Dreyfuss, Holly Hunter (25939)
10.00 Point Break (1991). Keanu Reeves investigates bank robberies (73598939)
12.05am Woman on the Ledge (1989): Sentimental drama about women's friendships. With Deidre Hall (901953)
1.40 Diary of a Mad Housewife (1970): *Bored New York housewife Carrie Snodgress* leaves her husband and finds love (750717)
3.15 Live! from Death Row (1992): Joanna Cassidy interviews a mass murderer on Death Row (70474069). Ends at **4.45**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (4784587) **7.15** Prime Bodies (725823) **7.45** Drag Racing (724194) **8.15** Soccer News (6151216) **8.30** Survival of the Fittest (53397) **9.00** Prime Bodies (44649) **9.30** Boot Room (43113) **10.30** Builders (93820) **11.30** Supercross (68736) **12.30pm** Boots 'n' All (66856) **1.30** *American Sports (18115) 2.30 World Sports (7262)* **3.00** Basketball (35264) **5.00** Boot Room (9200) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (62587) **7.00** The Big League: Leigh v Widnes (693378) **9.30** US PGA Golf (118397) **12.30-1.30am** Soccer Weekend (44576)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (48939) **8.00** Show Jumping (70736) **9.00** Euroski (42858) **10.00** *Ski Jumping (37823) 11.00 Skiing (20587)* **12.00** Adventure Rallying (88571) **1.00pm** Paris-Dakar Rally (24303) **1.30** Basketball (90533) **2.30** Ice Hockey (14587) **4.00** Speedskating (2118910) **6.00** News (4945) **6.30** Paris-Dakar Rally (8692) **9.00** Boxing (56823) **10.00** Tennis: Hopman Cup (20910) ***12.00*** *Paris-Dakar Rally* (28779) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (99779)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (1693378) **7.30** Neighbours (1605113) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7534194) **8.30** EastEnders *(7533465) 9.00 The Bill (7620945) 9.30 All* Creatures Great and Small (6735397) **10.30** Casualty (6163552) **11.30** The Sullivans (7619910) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7537281) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9829026) **1.00** EastEnders (1692649) **1.30** The Bill (9828397) **2.00** Are You Being Served? *(5463620)* **2.30** Bread (1821587) ***3.00*** *Dallas* (7620026) **4.00** Dynasty (7609533) **4.55** Blankety Blank (5487200) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (62670397) **5.55** Happy Ever After (1833303) **6.30** EastEnders (1740668) **7.00** Driving Ambition (3215674) **8.00** Are You Being Served? (5483484) **8.30** Bread *(5462991) 9.00 Casualty (3211858) 10.00* The Bill (7538910) **10.30** Rory Bremner (7627858) **11.00** Top of the Pops (3952804) **11.50** Dr Who: Resurrection of the Daleks (5999045) **12.20am** FILM: A Study in Terror (1965): Sherlock Holmes takes on Jack the Ripper (39641243) **1.45** Video Bites *(28035363) 2.05 Shopping (38817446)*

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (44462) **6.30** Spiff and Hercules (24674) **7.00** Bears Island (3827804) **7.20** Return of Dogtanian (374113) **7.45** Pugwall (373484) **8.15** Head to Head *(6716620) 8.30 Adventures of Teddy* Ruxpin (75587) **9.00** It's Droibee Time (74133) **11.00** RatKan II (73026) **11.30** Spiff and Hercules (74755) **12.00** Bears Island (8818939) **12.20pm** Return of Dogtanian (972804) **12.45** Pugwall (755213) **1.15** Head to Head (55990552) **1.30** Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin *(22939) 2.00 Madeline (7939)* **2.30** Cupido (1534842) **2.45** Babar (991939) **3.15** RatKan II (8497200) **3.20** Baby Follies (6823465) **3.40** Ovide and the Gang (2799736) **3.55** Head to Head (8545552) **4.00** Runaway Bay (3842) **4.30** T-Rex (9026)

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7.00am Dawn Patrol (32378) **7.30** Guts (44113) **8.00** Rugrats (52668) **8.30** Fraggle Rock (51939) **9.00** Out of Control (35991) **9.30** Kablooey (78194) **10.00** Wisdom of the Gnomes (87179) **10.30** Rabbit Ears (37303) ***11.00*** *Cartoon Capers (39668) 11.30 Wild* Side Show (30397) **12.00** Zany Adventures (55755) **12.30pm** The World of David the Gnome (72910) **1.00** Nick Jr Storytime (31649) **1.30** Eureeka's Castle (16187) **2.30** Fraggle Rock (5804) **3.00** Zany Adventures (3262) **3.30** The New Adventures of Speed Racer (7649) **4.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (9484) **4.30** Get the Picture (5668) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (5007) **5.30** Guts (9620) **6.00** Rugrats (6533) **6.30-7.00** Animal Antics (7723)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Wild South (7703303) **5.00** Biography: (7653668) **5.55** Anne Martin's Postcards: Greece (8519262) *6.05 Beyond 2000* (1548533) **7.00** The Arctic (5472378) **7.30** The Global Family (1737194) **8.00** Going Places: (3126736) **9.00** Passage Out of Paradise (3138200) **10.00** Skybound (7538552) **10.30** X-Planes (7545200) **11.00-12.00** Giotto — A Close Encounter of the Second Kind (1600668)

BRAVO
12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (7539649) **12.30pm** FILM: Dangerous Moonlight (1941, b/w): A Polish pianist joins the RAF (8320755) **2.00** FILM: Crooks in Cloisters (1964): Comedy with Ronald Fraser (3720552) **3.45** 1961 Styles (14847026) **4.00** The Flying Nun (1734007) **4.30** My Three *Sons (1723991) 5.00 The Beverly Hillbillies* (5489668) **5.30** The Donny and Marie Show (1747571) **6.00** The Dons Day Show (1744484) **6.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (1735736) **7.00** The Mothers-in-Law (5469804) **7.30** The Smothers Brothers Show (1724620) **8.00** FILM: Adam and *Evelyne (1949): A gambler adopts the* daughter of a dead friend (59352397) **9.45** Art Linkletter and the Kids (4333910) **10.00** FILM: Behemoth the Sea Monster (1959): A radioactive monster attacks London. With Gene Evans (1154755) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (5390020)

UK LIVING
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FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (1991) **5.30** Zorro (4638) **6.00** Where I Live (9561) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (4571) **7.00** The Pyramid Game (1755) **7.30** All Clued Up (9705) **8.00** Altogether Now (3303) **8.30** GP (9910) ***9.00*** *Lou Grant (72787) 10.00 Trivial Pursuit* (74804) **10.30** Entertainment Now (83552) **11.00** Remington Steele (34823) **12.00-1.00am** The Big Valley (82040)

MTV
6.00am Wild Side (815303) **9.00** VJ Ingo (542945) **12.00** Greatest Hits (69253) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (508736) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (4842571) **3.45** At the Movies *(4847026) 4.00 MTV News (7159674)* **4.15** 3 from 1 (7076397) **4.30** Dial MTV (1484) **5.00** The Pulse (5179) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (84571) **7.00** Real World II (3113) **7.30** The Cure (2113) **8.00** The Cure Unplugged (9533) **8.30** Beavis and Butt-head (8668) **9.00** Greatest Hits (72705) **10.00** Coca-Cola *Report (530200) 10.15 At the Movies* (535755) **10.30** News (388397) **10.45** 3 from 1 (376552) **11.00** Beavis and Butt-head (67465) **11.30** VJ Marijne (45262) **1.00am** Chill Out Zone (15088) **2.00** Night Videos

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6.00am Persian Dawn (88088) **7.00** Regional News (25129) **7.30** Asian Morning (31736) **8.00** Hindi News (90842) **8.30** Urdu News (1178858) **8.45** English News (1093113) **9.00** Nangey Paon (86216) **10.00** Jyoti (548129) **1.00pm** Nukkad (44200) **1.30** FILM *(352804) 4.30 Kuddies (5552) 5.00-6.00* Dedications (7552) **7.00** Sportsworld (8571) **7.30** ID Youth (6397) **8.00** English News (926397) **8.15** Kasam Suhaag Ki (39564649) **11.16** Janmdata (239587) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (2363427) **1.35** Sight and Sound (37862779)

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8.45 Men of the Fighting Lady (1954). Drama set aboard an aircraft carrier during the Korean War (59224465)
10.15 Stand by for Action (1942, b/w): Second World War drama (19611939)
12.20am Crest of the Wave (1954): Naval research goes wrong (79788224)
2.05 Navy Blue and Gold *(1937, b/w)*: Naval drama with James Stewart (42095750)
3.50 Passage from Hong Kong (1941): Romantic murder mystery with Keith Douglas (66340663). Ends at **4.50**

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Torvill and Dean face the music and dance

BY SIMON BARNES

JAYNE Torvill and Christopher Dean have decided to face the music and dance. Today they will return to competition after a decade of absence. Hard to believe, but it is all of ten years since they flung themselves to death in the fiery cauldron of the Olympic volcano and rose as became the nation's and the world's darlings.

After a decade of professionalism, they have been officially revirginalised and, as amateurs once again, they stepped back into the sporting arena and strutted their stuff in practice yesterday. This, then, was the long-awaited unveiling of their latest extravaganza. They have chosen Irving Berlin's "Let's Face the Music and Dance".



Calloway: coach

The little irony in this title is, of course, entirely deliberate. The song has not had so much exposure since Angela Rippon danced to the same tune on *The Morecambe and Wise Show* even longer ago than "Bolero" scored all those sixes in Sarajevo in 1984.

The song comes from the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers film, *Follow the Fleet*. "We like them — we're not trying to be them," Dean said. "We would resent it if you said that."

Torvill and Dean have thrown everything they have at this number: four hours a day, six days a week for six months, 20 years of experience, the memories of some extraordinary triumphs, plus the trifling sum of £100,000. For Fred and Ginger would not recognise the song. "The music has been tailor-made, note by note," Dean said.

The process involved three days in the studio and 45 musicians. And the plot? What plot? This is dance. Dance, dance, dance. "Back to social dancing," Dean said.

"Ice dance was getting boring, everyone dying on the ice all the time." Betty Calloway, their coach, said. Torvill and Dean expanded the possibilities of ice dance and the world followed with a thousand more icy deaths. Now the International Skating Union is demanding that skaters get back to basics. Torvill and Dean are replying with music and moonlight and love and romance: let's face the music and dance. That sort of thing.

And the dance is more complex, more technically aware than ever before. "There are more steps in a minute of this than in the full programme of "Bolero"," Torvill said. Calloway said: "It was more polished, more sophisticated, more mature than anything they have done before."

Earlier, they practised their second, shorter piece, to the required rumba rhythm, and to the tune of "Historia del amor", and even then, the contrast between Torvill and Dean and their rivals was acute. They gave us the rumba and something else: languorous sensuality. It is clear they still have the alchemist's touch. They can turn dross like a rumba into gold.

Their second piece, the big number, was something else. It was clever all right: brilliantly clever. It was also brilliantly cynical. They have incorporated show-stopping moments from both "Mack and Mabel" and "Barnum", high spots from previous world championship-winning routines.

MARC ASPLAND



Torvill and Dean practise in Sheffield yesterday in preparation for their return to competition today

Is this a new routine, or is this really Torvill and Dean's greatest hits? A rock star brings out a greatest hits album when public demand is running higher and faster than ever, but personal inventiveness is running on empty. I do not believe Dean has run out of ideas: I believe that he and Torvill and Calloway know what judges like.

There was, then, an unaccustomed sense of flatness yesterday. But I expect a different dance tomorrow, in a filled arena, and in full costume, for they practised in neat but unexciting black. They will dance the same steps, but the audience, the costumes and, above all, the sense of danger, the thrill of competition, will transform everything. I expect them to set the Sheffield Arena alight.

They are not hiding their maturity, they are flaunting it. They might emphasise their stature more if they perform their big number with all their gold medals aorund their neck — but only might. I think the judges will get the point, anyway.

Partners produce another riveting routine

BY JOHN HENNESSY

IT WAS as if they had never been away, except for the fact that the British ice dance championship has never previously been held in Sheffield, has never been under the sponsorship of Peoples Phone, and has never attracted such attention from the media, from home and abroad.

Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean have returned, perhaps, alas, only fleetingly, to reclaim their kingdom, and there would have been few people at their practice yesterday who carried away a doubt that they would win the title tomorrow, followed by the European championship and, later on, the Olympic and world titles.

The secret of their free dance stands revealed. To a special orchestration of Irving Berlin's "Let's Face The Music and Dance", its title a reminder of the ordeal they face by returning, they have created another riveting routine.

It is technically difficult but yet presented, where appropriate, at breathtaking speed, with changes of rhythm to widen the breadth of interpretation and encourage light and shade. The surprises came in the shape of witty reprises from "Barnum" in 1983 and "Mack and Mabel" the year before.

In general construction, it has the flavour of 1982 combined with the conventional *mélange* that used to be the rule before "Mack and Mabel" changed it all.

Their original dance was, if anything, even more impressive. In their heyday, they used to skate an exhibition to a little-known piece of rumba music, "Historia del amor". They brought it back now as the background for another glorious performance.

There are some who are already being weaned from the conviction that the paso doble which accompanied their "Bolero" in 1984 is the greatest original dance there has been.

The competition has three constituent parts. Ten per cent of the marks will be awarded for each of the two compulsories this afternoon, 30 per cent for the original dance this evening and 50 per cent for the free programme tomorrow afternoon.

Everton wait as Walker ponders next move

BY PETER BALL

NORWICH'S hopes of fighting off Everton's advances to Mike Walker may come to nothing today. Although Walker said earlier in the week that he expected to still be manager of Norwich for their FA Cup tie at Wycombe Wanderers tomorrow, he was believed to be reconsidering his position last night in the light of the Norwich chairman, Robert Chase's, continuing refusal to allow him to talk to Everton.

"In the end, whether I walk out or not will be my decision," Walker said earlier in the week. "I don't know when the time will be. I don't think my position at Norwich is unworkable yet, but the longer this goes on the bigger the problem it gets."

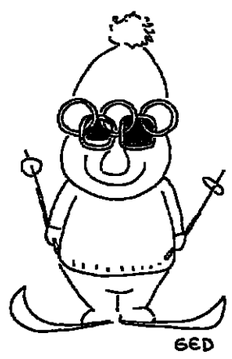
It appears that his position is rapidly becoming untenable, however, with Chase still refusing his request to talk to Everton. Bearing in mind their difficult game at Wycombe tomorrow, if Walker does take matters into his own hands today, the timing could hardly be worse for Norwich.

For their part, Everton were eager to have a manager in place for their difficult match at Bolton Wanderers in the competition which offers their only remaining hope of rescuing something from a flagging season.

The position is delicate, after Chase threatened on Wednesday to seek an injunction to prevent Everton approaching Walker. If Walker resigns, however, he would presumably be free to apply for the Everton job, even if he does risk action by Norwich for breach of contract. There also seems little doubt that if Walker does move to Goodison Park without Norwich's blessing, Chase will complain to the Football Association about an illegal approach.

☐ Terry Venables must wait at least another week for the verdict of a Premier League Board of Inquiry into alleged irregular loans during his period as manager of Tottenham Hotspur. Suggestions that Venables would be cleared yesteday of any wrongdoing were dismissed by Premier League chief executive Rick Parry: "Contrary to some reports, we will not be revealing findings until at least next week," Parry said.

Winter Olympics will be given 3D treatment



GED

Nicholas George on how Norway is preparing for a sporting TV spectacular

The Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, this year will bring a new dimension to television sport, adding a certain depth which could revolutionise the filming of sporting spectaculars.

Ski jumpers will appear to leap from the screen, ice skaters twirl with fresh vigour, and a well-hit ice hockey puck may send viewers diving behind their sofas as Norwegians experience their winter sports in 3D.

Every evening during the Games next month the country's state television company, NRK, will be broadcasting highlights of the day's events in 3D. Television companies in other countries are considering following suit.

According to NRK, all the viewer needs to enjoy the spectacle is a pair of coloured plastic glasses, and "realistic" expectations.

Bjorn Gundersen, NRK's head of information, says the 3D effect is created by a new technique in which the sports are filmed by camera crews moving at specific angles to the athletes, who themselves must be in motion. The pictures are then transmitted to normal television screens in homes around the country where viewers wearing glasses with coloured plastic lenses will see the pictures in 3D.

Gundersen said he hoped to sell 400,000 pairs of the glasses in Norway, a country with a population of around four million. The glasses will be available in newsagents and opticians with some of the proceeds from the sales going to the charity, Olympic Aid.

Gundersen said 90 per cent of the Norwegian journalists who viewed films shot with the technique earlier this week were enthusiastic about the results. He blamed too high expectations for the ten per cent who remained dissatisfied after viewing a selection of items, including roller-coaster rides.

Anne Ovens, international marketing director of the German company, Telcast International, who are co-producing the programmes with Norwegian television, said: "Normally we do films of cities or animals. I know that in America they covered the Superbowl with 3D and it went down really well."

They played three ten-minute daily spots. Unlike previous 3D filming where two cameras are used, only one is now needed, although how the wandering camera man will be greeted by TV crews already assigned fixed sites has yet to be discovered.

The next big sporting project for the company is this year's football World Cup where Sweden and Norway, both qualifiers, are negotiating 3D coverage.

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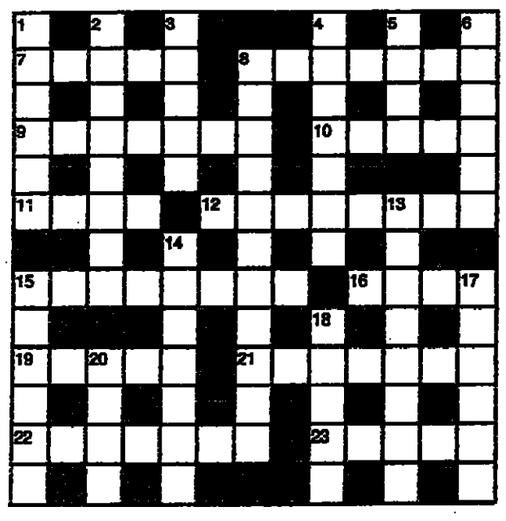
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8 Dutch town, site of 1713 treaty (7)
9 Decayed vegetable matter (7)
10 Bribable (5)
11 Front of aircraft; go slowly (4)
12 Herb, flavouring for eg vinegar (8)
15 Of the gums (8)
16 Arid (4)
19 Shove; canal boat (5)
21 Enormous (7)
22 Building (7)
23 Fortunate (5)

DOWN
1 Welsh town; Beacons park (6)
2 Hard cheese (8)
3 Electricity cable support (5)
4 Daring display (7)
5 Conform to chosen poetic metre (4)
6 Usual name of Josef V Dzhugashvili (6)
8 Vivid blue (11)
13 Basque town, site of Civil War atrocity (8)
14 Coldest Russian region, used for exile (7)
15 Chunk of raw meat (6)
17 John —, 17C diarist (6)
18 Little (5)
20 Complain bitterly; small wader (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 55

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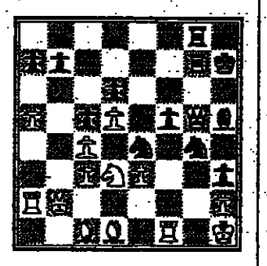
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CHESS

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Speelman - Agdestein, Hastings Premier 1991. Here, Jon Speelman resigned. What was the black threat that he was unable to meet?



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Raymond Keene, page 7

WORD MATCHING

By Philip Howard

ACOUCHI
a. Giving birth
b. A bone in the ear
c. Resin

BRAD
a. A bantam cock
b. A nail
c. An on-drive at cricket

VERST
a. A Russian distance
b. Bad rhymes
c. A coarse cloth

YONI
a. Nostalgia
b. A Japanese kilt
c. The female pudendum

Answers on page 34